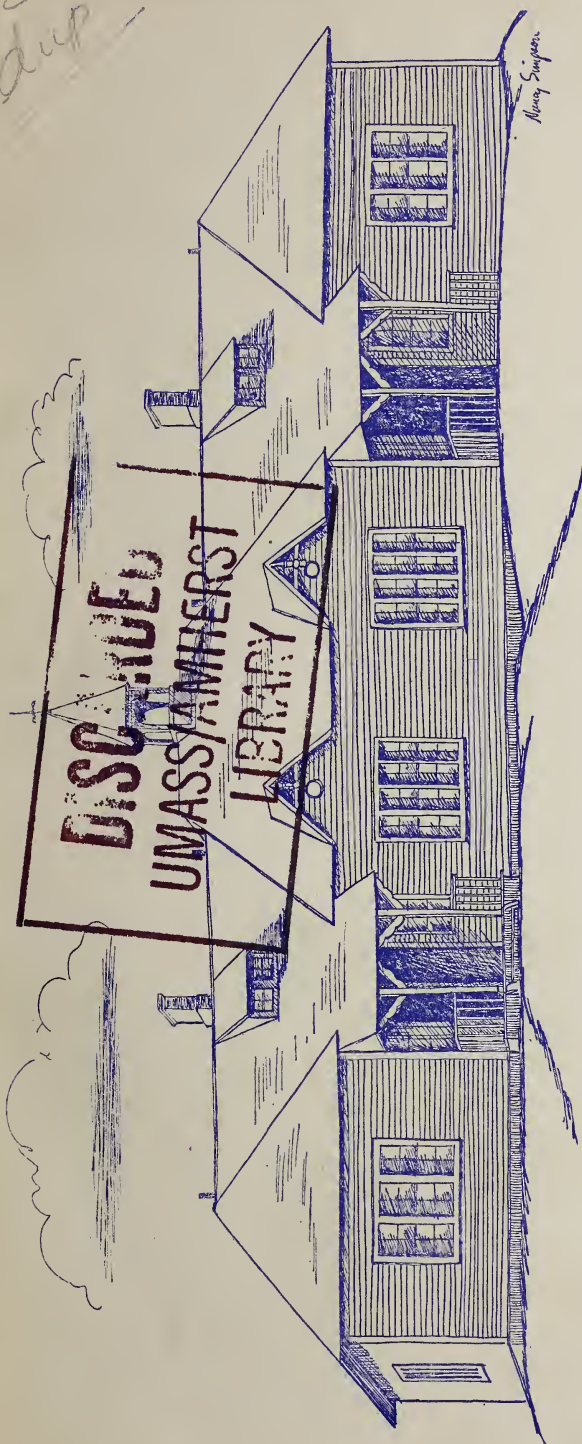


LENOX • MASSACHUSETTS



OLD CENTER SCHOOLHOUSE 1880 - 1935

1956 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

THE OLD CENTER SCHOOL (1880-1935)

The growing population of the Town of Lenox and the increasing tendency towards consolidation in the center prompted the insertion of an article in the Warrant of the Town Meeting of April 2, 1877. This Article 32 called for the appointment of a committee consisting of the three Selectmen and "three other citizens to take into consideration the subject of a new schoolhouse in the center village and of procuring land for same and of suitable buildings for same." At that time Col. Richard Auchmuty, Edward McDonald, and Horace Miller were the Board of Selectmen, and it was soon decided that the "other three citizens" should be the members of the School Committee: John Morell, Siloam Jenne, and Julius Rockwell.

For more than three years sites were proposed, accepted, and rejected; committees were increased from six to ten, to thirteen; and plans for financing the project voted and rescinded. At first the church property where a little red schoolhouse stood seemed the logical place, but that was immediately rejected in favor of Mrs. Phelps's land on Yokun Avenue. Next the Trustees of the Academy gave to the Town for a nominal sum permission to take over and repair the old building. At long last, however, on May 5, 1879, a meeting voted to purchase the present site from George O. Peck and at 3:15 adjourned for half an hour to visit the location. Later the citizens rescinded that vote, but on Nov. 5 repented and decided to purchase the two acres for not more than \$2500 and to "erect and furnish a school building thereon with four rooms and suitable passages and closets and appurtenances at an expense not exceeding \$3000, and to have same ready for occupation by first of September next." The building was made so large because it was estimated that in a few years the school population might reach two hundred.

At the Town Meeting the next year it was voted to purchase from George Winchell and Martin Tighe land for \$800 to make a road past the new school from Walker Street to Housatonic Street and, a little later, to borrow \$6000 to erect the new building, \$1000 or \$2000 to be paid back annually. Thus was erected a one-story building, capped by a belfry and containing a Primary, an Intermediate, a Grammar, and a High School Room, accommodating in all thirteen classes.

After twelve years this building seemed no longer sufficient, and two more rooms were asked for. Instead in 1892 the whole High School was moved to the Academy, and two rooms were given to the Primary classes.

Perhaps the most exciting event of that decade occurred in the early summer of 1895, when, during an afternoon thunderstorm, a bolt of lightning struck the belfry and descended the bellrope into the Grammar School. The ensuing fire and panic summoned the whole town to the rescue. The only real damage, however, was caused by a too zealous volunteer, who stepped through the ceiling. The hole thus caused was immediately patched in a slightly different shade, and school was resumed next day.

In September of the same year a class of twenty-five second-graders was removed to the Academy to relieve the congestion. This was followed in 1902 by a transfer of the Eighth Grade from the overcrowded room it shared with the Seventh Grade, when it was discovered that the enrollment amounted to eighty pupils. Now the need for enlarging the Center Building became imperative. One new room at each end and a second story of four rooms were added, furnishing one room for each grade and two extra for possible overflows. As Father Grace said in the 1904 school report, "The Center School Building, as it stands today, is as serviceably pleasant and sanitary a building as any in Western Massachusetts."

Here three generations of Lenox youth received a major part of their education before it was utterly destroyed by fire June 10, 1935.

ANNUAL REPORT
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TOWN OF LENOX
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending
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In Memoriam

1956

LEONARD HARRY PETERS

Selectman

Measurer of Wood and Bark

EDWARD THOMAS FORSLEY

School Physician

TOWN OF LENOX

Incorporated 1767

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Population | 1951 | 3627 |
| | 1956 census | 3592 |
| Summer population | | 6100 (estimated) |
| School population | 1952 | 587 |
| | 1957 | 704 |
| | 1962 | 800 (predicted) |
| Registered voters | 1956 | 2210 |

AREA

| | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Land | 13,760 acres |
| Water | 35 acres |
| Total | 13,795 acres, or 21.58 square miles |

HIGHWAY MILEAGE

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| State | 10 |
| Town | 46 |
| Total | 56 |
| Tax rate (1956) | \$61.00 |

Annual Town Election.....4th Monday in February
 Annual Town Meeting.....Preceding Friday evening

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1956

Moderator

GEORGE E. MOLE

Town Clerk and Treasurer

ANN K. GORMAN

Term Expires 1958

Selectmen

RALPH HENRY BARNES, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1957

DAVID H. MACKEY

Term Expires 1959

CHARLES F. HOUSE, *Clerk*

Term Expires 1958

Collector of Taxes

CATHERINE M. WALSH

Term Expires 1959

Board of Health

CARL A. BERGAN, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1957

HAROLD R. FELTON

Term Expires 1959

WALTER A. HUTCHINSON, *Clerk*

Term Expires 1958

Assessors

CHARLES A. DEE, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1959

EDWARD G. CONKLIN

Term Expires 1958

DANIEL M. COWHIG, *Clerk*

Term Expires 1957

School Committee

DAVID T. DANA, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1957

IOLA DRUMM, *Clerk*

JOHN T. NOVO

Term Expires 1958

Term Expires 1959

DENNIS J. DUFFIN

JAMES A. QUINN

Term Expires 1959

Term Expires 1957

PHILIP C. WEISSBROD

HELAN MAREE TOOLE

Term Expires 1958

Term Expires 1958

Water Commission

OSCAR R. HUTCHINSON, *Clerk*

Term Expires 1957

WALTER E. LAHART

Term Expires 1959

CHARLES A. DEE, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1958

Tree Warden

JOHN H. FLYNN

Term Expires 1958

Constables

EDWARD G. CONKLIN

WILFRED J. BONTELL

WILLIAM H. CORMAN

DAVID N. LANE

JOHN H. LOUBARD

WILLIAM F. NOONAN, JR.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Planning Board

JOHN D. KENNEDY, 1960, *Chairman* to June 2, 1956
 CHARLES G. STANLEY, *Chairman* from June 2, 1956 to December 31, 1956
 HENRY A. FUORE, 1957 GEORGE L. HUGHES, *Clerk*, 1958
 CHARLES G. STANLEY, 1959 (resigned) JOHN D. BLAKE, 1961

Cemetery Commissioners

JAMES H. PELTON, 1958 JAMES D. CAMERON, 1957
 HERBERT F. HURST, 1959

Commissioners of Trust Funds

W. HEWITT CLIFFORD, 1958 ELSIE PARSONS KENNEDY, 1957
 GEORGE T. HALPIN, 1959

APPOINTEES

Finance Committee

WILLIAM D. ROCHE, *Chairman*, 1958

JOHN B. FIELDING, 1959 GEORGE F. HENDERSON, 1957
 JOSEPH E. MARTIN, *Clerk*, 1958 HARRY C. HUGHES, 1959
 HAROLD E. HUMPHREY, 1957 ADELBERT I. NEWTON, 1957
 LENGES H. BULL, 1958 WALTER B. BOOTH, 1959

Zoning Board of Appeals

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| JAMES S. KIRBY | Term Expires 1957 |
| ROBERT HIBBARD | Term Expires 1959 |
| TREMAINE PARSONS | Term Expires 1958 |
| BENJAMIN W. ETHIER | Associate |
| JAMES H. PELTON | Associate |

Registrars of Voters

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| HENRY PARKER | Term Expires 1957 |
| AUGUSTUS T. MARTIN | Term Expires 1959 |
| ELMER T. STICKLES | Term Expires 1958 |

ANN K. GORMAN, *Clerk*

Town Attorney

CORNELIUS J. BRODERICK

Superintendent of Streets

ANDREW PIRETTI

Fire Chief, Fire Warden, Forest Warden
OSCAR R. HUTCHINSON

Town Accountant
CORNELIUS J. BRODERICK

Capital Outlays Committee
EARL R. CLARK, *Chairman*

NORTON M. CASE

CHARLES A. DEE

WALTER E. DAVERIN
and the Five Members of the Planning Board

Recreation Committee—Community Center
W. CHURCHILL RICHARDS
ANNE E. MITCHELL
HELEN M. LOUGHRAN
FREDERICK J. MEYER
WALTER LAHART
RAYMOND F. DuFRESNE
THOMAS H. BOSWORTH
MRS. HELEN L. FILLIO
WILLIAM M. SIMPSON

North Lenox Sewage Committee
FORREST H. JUDKINS, *Chairman*
EARL R. CLARK
HERMAN W. REINKE
WALTER A. HUTCHINSON
CHARLES G. STANLEY
WALTER E. DAVERIN
DAVID H. MACKEY
KENNETH F. CALHOUN
ROBERT La RIVIERE
HAROLD E. HUMPHREY

Committee: Storage Town Equipment Parking Lot
O. R. HUTCHINSON
J. BURRELL FIELDING
GEORGE E. La GARCE
H. J. KLIPP
HAROLD R. FELTON
JOSEPH N. WALSH

Regional School District Planning Committee
DAVID T. DANA, JR.
WILLIAM D. ROCHE
JOSEPH B. REYNOLDS

Insurance Committee
GEORGE E. MOLE
ROBERT S. HIBBARD
GEORGE R. La GARCE

Sealer of Weights and Measures
WALTER M. COAKLEY

Secretary to Board of Selectmen
MRS. MARY F. CAPPS

Town Physicians

DR. L. D. McCARLEY

DR. EDWARD MESSER

DR. CARL BERGAN

Dog Officer, Pound Keeper
HENRY A. FUORE

Beach Committee—ALBERT CLIFFORD CLUB

CHARLES F. HOUSE

DAVID H. MACKEY

RALPH HENRY BARNES

W. HEWITT CLIFFORD

JAMES H. WOODGER

FORREST JUDKINS

STEVENSON TOWLE

MRS. HELEN L. FILLIO

Wire Inspector
CHARLES G. STANLEY

Civil Defense Director
ARTHUR A. GARDNER

Police Department
DAVID H. MACKEY, *Chief of Police*

WILFRED J. BONTELL

WILLIAM H. GORMAN

DAVID N. LANE, (resigned)

EDWARD GIRARDEY, Relief

ANTHONY W. ROMEO

FRANKLIN HUTCHINSON

Lenox Academy

WILLIAM F. DUNN

Term Expires 1957

EDWARD J. ROCHE, Clerk

Term Expires 1961

GEORGE L. HUGHES, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1960

DAVID T. DANA, JR.

Term Expires 1958

ADELBERT I. NEWTON

Term Expires 1957

Salvage Committee

FRANCIS R. WHEELER

ANNE E. MITCHELL

CHURCHILL RICHARDS

HAROLD R. FELTON

FORREST H. JUDKINS

BENJAMIN W. ETHIER

Board of Health Appointees

JOSEPH C. SMITH

Inspector of Slaughtering

JAMES H. PELTON

Inspector of Animals, Stables

WILLIAM H. GORMAN

Complaint Agent

WM. T. MACKEY, DDS.

School Dentist

PAUL A. MORSE

Milk-Sanitary Inspector

ANN K. GORMAN

Agent

Caretakers

EDWARD G. CONKLIN

JOHN H. LOUBARD

Relief

CHARLES F. GILMORE

WALTER F. LAHART

Field Drivers

WILLIAM H. GORMAN
JAMES F. KIRBYROLAND MARTIN
DAVID N. LANE

Fence Viewers

THOMAS L. SEDGWICK

WILLIAM L. HALLOWELL

Surveyors of Lumber

ANDREW PIRETTI

HOMER C. EARLL

Measurers of Wood and Bark

ANDREW PIRETTI

L. HARRY PETERS
(deceased)

Sextons

JAMES D. CAMERON

WILLIAM H. GORMAN

JAMES H. PELTON

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

United States Senators

JOHN F. KENNEDY
LEVERETT SALTONSTALLBoston
Newton

United States Representative

JOHN W. HESELTON

Deerfield

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

State Senator

SILVIO O. CONTE

Pittsfield

State Representative

WARREN A. TURNER

Lee

County Commissioners

JOHN E. SHEA
CLINTON FOSTER
JAMES A. BOWESPittsfield
Stockbridge
North Adams

ORDER OF BUSINESS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, SS.

To One of the Constables of the Town of Lenox:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lenox qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the

TOWN HALL in said LENOX, on February 22, 1957

at 7 o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following:

Article 1. To choose all Minor Town Officers to wit: Field Drivers, Pound Keepers, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Sextons.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation to be paid to the elected officials as provided by Section 108, Chapter 41, effective January 1, 1957.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as the Board of Welfare and to fix the compensation as provided by Section 4A, Chapter 41, effective January 1, 1957.

Approved for \$150.00 by the Finance Committee.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to act as the Agent for the Veterans' Service Department and fix the compensation as provided by Section 4A, Chapter 41, effective January 1, 1957.

Approved for \$250.00 by the Finance Committee.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the following purposes:

1. Selectmen's Department
2. Accountant Department
3. Treasury Department
4. Law Department
5. Assessors' Department
6. Tax Collector's Department
7. Town Hall Department
8. Election and Registration

9. Town Clerk Department
10. Finance Committee
11. Planning Board
12. Moderator
13. Police Department
14. Fire Department
15. Sealer of Weights and Measures
16. Forestry Department
17. Insect pest control
18. Other protection, persons and property
19. Wire Inspector
20. Civil Defense
21. Board of Appeals, Zoning
22. Dutch Elm Control
23. Gypsy Moth Control
24. Health Department
25. Sewer and Pumping Station
26. Lenox Visiting Nurse
27. Superintendent of Streets
28. Highways, bridges and dust layer
29. Sidewalks
30. Snow Roads
31. Street Lights
32. Welfare Administration
33. Charity Department
34. Old Age Assistance
35. Aid to Dependent Children
36. Disability Assistance
37. Veterans' Service Department
38. School Department
39. Parks and Recreation Department
40. Retirement System
- 41-1 Memorial Day
- 41-2 Town Clock
- 41-3 Firemen's Poll Tax Refund
- 41-4 Printing and Postage
- 41-5 Telephone Account
- 41-6 Machinery Account
- 41-7 Quarters, American Legion Post
- 41-8 Lenox Academy
42. Cemeteries
43. Insurance and Bonds
44. Town Debt and Interest
45. Reserve Fund

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to refund the Firemen's Poll Tax.
Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money that may be allotted by the State or County or both for this purpose under Chapter 90 or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,000.00.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of East Street. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money that may be allotted by the State or County or both for this purpose under Chapter 90 or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$5,000.00.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 work for the improvement of West Street, said money to be used in conjunction with any money that may be allotted by the State or County or both for this purpose under Chapter 90, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$5,000.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of East Street, in a southerly direction from Housatonic Street, toward Walker Street.

The Finance Committee recommends \$5,000.00

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, including maturing debt and interest for the year 1957, and that the receipts of the Department be appropriated towards this appropriation.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint one of their members to be Superintendent of the Water Department and fix the compensation at \$2,000.00 as provided by Section 4 A, Chapter 41, effective January 1, 1957.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of their members to be Chief of Police and fix the compensation as provided by Section 4 A, Chapter 41, effective January 1, 1957.

Approved for \$225.00 by the Finance Committee.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to legally establish the name "Stockbridge Road" to the public road (1) now posted as Stockbridge Road, (2) referred to in the last Town Report and Meeting as Stockbridge Road, (3) called Stockbridge Street on the Voters list and on the Zoning Map, and called various names such as Courthouse Hill and Old Stockbridge Road.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,280.46, the amount of the bill rendered by Attorney Charles R. Alberti, Pittsfield, Mass. This bill incurred for legal assistance in the acquisition of the transfer of the Aspinwall Property by the Town as authorized by Town Meeting, February 24, 1956.

The Finance Committee recommends this be raised by taxation.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$4,000.00 to purchase for the use of the Public Works Department a Road Roller for resurfacing and patching our roads.

Approved by the Finance Committee through taxation.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue, or transfer from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund the sum of \$2,500.00 for the necessary repairs to the Town Hall.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to suspend all activities relative to the Regional School District Planning and any other school housing project for the ensuing year.

Article 20. By request of Joseph H. Sweeney, Lenox Dale, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57.50 and direct the same to be paid to the said Joseph H. Sweeney for the purpose of reimbursing him for money paid by him for repairs to his oil burner by reason of the Town Sewer backing up into the cellar of his home, Elm Street, Lenox Dale, July 1954.

Finance Committee makes no recommendation.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the North Lenox Sewer Committee for the year 1957, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$500.00 for Committee Expenses.

Approved by the Finance Committee through taxation.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,200.00 to resurface Hynes Avenue for an approximate distance of 500 feet from Housatonic Street to High Street.

Not Approved by The Finance Committee.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$4,500.00 to resurface Stockbridge Road for the distance of 2500 feet from the intersection of West Street in a southerly direction.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$3,500.00 to resurface Church Street for an approximate distance of 1400 feet from Housatonic Street to Franklin Street.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for Fire Apparatus, Fire Equipment and Supplies.

Approved by the Finance Committee through taxation.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,200.00 to erect a storage shed for the purpose of storing Town Equipment at the Town Pumping Station.

Approved by the Finance Committee through taxation.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for printing and other expenses of the Lenox Regional School District Planning Committee.

Approved by the Finance Committee through taxation

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the installation of a new Heating System Boiler in the Lenox High School.

Approved by the Finance Committee through taxation.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the employment of an architect to survey the School Buildings for renovation, and provide preliminary sketches of a new Elementary School Building.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a School Building Committee to investigate and report on a New Elementary School, and necessary alterations to existing buildings, and that said Committee include the Superintendent of Schools, at least two Members of the School Committee, and that said School Building Committee report at a subsequent Town Meeting.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18.00 to erect a street light in front of the residence of Stefano Bartolotta at 508 Pittsfield Rd., Lenox.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18.00 to erect a street light on the second pole North of the last street light on East New Lenox Road. This pole abutts the north corner of the property owned by William Marlowe, and the south corner of street right-of-way owned by Elmer and Robert Herzig.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$13,500.00 from unobligated funds now in Overlay Reserve Account to the Town Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes in accordance with Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in the name and behalf of the Town to accept a parcel of land on the East side of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad track, together with a roadway about 336 feet in length, running southerly from its junction with Willow Hill Road to intersection with Mill Street, on the condition that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company construct and pay the costs of construction of said road in accordance with specifications mutually agreed upon by the Railroad and the Town; and further to authorize the Railroad to remove present bridge and place suitable barricades on the adjacent property lines at the existing bridge location; and further to discontinue and abandon that part of Willow Hill Road lying between the easterly sideline of right of way of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company and the easterly line of Mill Street, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Brunell Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out, together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$9,700.00 for construction work on Brunell Avenue provided Article 35 is voted in the affirmative.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Nielsen Road, as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$900.00 for construction work on Nielsen Road provided Article 37 is voted in the affirmative.

Not approved by the Planning Board and not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Henry Avenue in Lenox Dale, as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$2,800.00 for construction of Henry Avenue in Lenox Dale, provided Article 39 is voted in the affirmative.

Not approved by the Planning Board.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Orchard Street as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$5,100.00 for construction of Orchard Street, provided Article 41 is voted in the affirmative.

Not approved by the Planning Board.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Lawton Avenue, in Lenox Dale, as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue, the sum of \$5,200.00 for construction of Lawton Avenue, Lenox Dale, from Crystal Street to School Street, provided Article 43 is voted in the affirmative.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Approved by the Finance Committee through taxation.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$2,900.00 for construction of Lawton Avenue, Lenox Dale, from School Street westerly to end of layout provided Article 43 is voted in the affirmative.

Not approved by the Planning Board.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called May Street in North Lenox as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox, and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,300.00 for the construction of May Street in North Lenox, provided Article 46 is voted in the affirmative.

Not approved by the Planning Board.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Jennifer Street in North Lenox as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,300.00 for construction of Jennifer Street in North Lenox provided Article 48 is voted in the affirmative.

Not approved by the Planning Board.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Bolton Drive as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain Private Way called Post Road as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said way has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to re-open Road known as Willow Creek Road which was abandoned as an Accepted Public Way at Town Meeting of February 24, 1956.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to file a petition in the General Court of Massachusetts for the purpose of obtaining authorization to sell and convey to Southern Berkshire Power and Electric Company an easement for the construction, maintenance and operation of poles and wires for the transmission of electricity, on, over and across the so-called Aspinwall property purchased by the Town for Park and Playground purposes from Edward M. O'Connor et al, by deed recorded with Middle Registry of Deeds for Berkshire County at Pittsfield, Massachusetts in Book 644, page 338, et seq. said property being shown on plan filed with the Town Clerk by the Lenox Planning Board, February 24, 1956, said easement being over a strip of land one hundred (100) feet in width, as shown on plan designated "Southern Berkshire Power & Electric Company." "Plan showing Location of Easement on Land of Town of Lenox, Scale 1"—300'—Date Jan. 14, 1957, L-5982" and authorize the Selectmen, in consideration of payment to the Town of \$3,000.00 or any other sum to execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver a deed in the name of and in behalf of the Town to Southern Berkshire Power & Electric Company granting to that Company an easement for the construction, maintenance and operation of said poles and wires for the transmission of electricity on, over, and across the park and playground property above mentioned, such deed to be in such form as the Selectmen deem proper; and further, to request that the representatives of the Town of Lenox in the General Court to do all things necessary to insure the admission and enactment of legislation at the present legislative session whereby the Town may be empowered to execute a deed for this easement or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Playground Commission of five qualified citizens to control and manage the Aspinwall Property until the Town Meeting of 1958; and further, to provide that at the next annual Town Meeting for the election of officers, there shall be elected a Board of Playground Commissioners, as follows: One Commissioner for 5 years, one Commissioner for 4 years, one Commissioner for 3 years, one Commissioner for 2 years, and one Commissioner for 1 year; thereafter one Commissioner shall be elected annually for a term of 5 years. The duties of such Commissioners shall be as set forth in Chapter 45, Section 14, of the General Laws, covering the Laying Out, Use and Control of Playgrounds.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to change Section 1 of Chapter XIII of the Town By-Laws to read as follows: "No motor trailer used for residence purposes shall be parked within the limits of the Town other than in a duly authorized motor trailer parking lot."

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to change Section 8A "Area Regulations" part 3 of Chapter VI of the Town By-Laws to read as follows: "Lot Size. No building, except one story buildings of accessory use, shall be erected in a residence district on a lot containing less than twenty-two thousand five hundred square feet, or less than one hundred fifty feet wide: provided that one building may be erected on any lot which, at the time the original Zoning Law was adopted (February 3, 1941) is separately owned and contains five thousand square feet: and provided further that one building may be erected on any lot which prior to July 18, 1956, is separately owned and contains fifteen thousand square feet."

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to change Section 3 "Subdivision A" of Chapter V of the Town By-Laws to read as follows: "A subdivision for the purpose of this section is hereby defined to be a division of a tract of land into two or more lots in such manner as to require provision for one or more new public ways, not accepted by the Town at the time when this By-Law is passed, to furnish access for vehicular traffic to one or more of such lots, and shall include subdivision. The minimum frontage for each lot on such public way shall not be less than two hundred feet and the total area of such lot shall not be less than forty-thousand square feet."

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to add the following to Sections 6 and 7 of Chapter XIII of the Town By-Laws "Miscellaneous Provisions." Section 6 to read as follows: "No person or corporation shall, within the Town of Lenox, act, or be collectors of, dealers in, or keepers of, shops for the purpose of sale, or harbor junk, old metals, or second hand articles in a business or industrial district unless licensed by the Board of Selectmen, as provided by statute, and only after a public hearing has been held."

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to add to Section 7, Chapter XIII of the Town By-Laws the following: "No person shall in a Residence District in the Town of Lenox harbor for sale, junk, old metals and unregistered vehicles, except those vehicles used for farm purposes."

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey at Public Auction, in the name and on behalf of the Town of Lenox at such prices and under such terms and conditions as the said Board of Selectmen may determine the whole or any part of any parcels of land which the Town has acquired or may hereafter acquire by the foreclosure of Tax Titles or in any manner by reason of non-payment of taxes.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by Public Auction or Sale any excess, obso'escent or discarded equipment or material with an estimated value of less than \$500.00 which is not required or needed by any Town Department, from time to time, and upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen may determine to be in the best interests of the Town.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$600.00 for sidewalk construction on Cliffwood Street.

Not approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to be used for expenses of the Capital Outlay Committee.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three citizens to study the problem of compensation of all Town employees; to prepare a plan classifying all such employees into groups doing substantially similar work or having substantially equal responsibilities, and providing minimum and maximum salaries to be paid to such employees in positions so classified, and for the attainment of such maximum salaries by periodic step-rate increases, and to report at the next Annual Town Meeting its recommendations as to what action should be taken with respect thereto.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee appointed by the Selectmen on storage of Town Equipment and Parking Lot; and authorize them to consider alterations of existing buildings designed to provide improved facilities for Town Officials and storage of equipment; and to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to employ the services of an architect for the purposes aforesaid, and to report at the next annual Town Meeting its recommendations as to what action should be taken in relation thereto.

Approved by the Finance Committee to be transferred from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$550.00 or any other sum to erect a suitable memorial in bronze to be placed in or on the Town Building in memory of her sons and daughters who served their country in World War II and Korea, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Approved by the Finance Committee and transfer recommended from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500.00 for necessary repairs of the Fire Department Building, such work to be performed under the Fire Chief's supervision and upon specifications mutually agreed upon by the Selectmen and the Fire Department.

Approved by the Finance Committee by transfer from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to take any excess from available funds which is included in "Free Cash" and is in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for 1957, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 798, Section 6, Acts of 1951.

Approved by the Finance Committee.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to settle the case of INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LEE and INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LENOX VS. MIDDLE ATLANTIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, INC. AND FRANCIS C. DUFFY for the total sum of \$12,500.00, \$6,250.00 of which will be paid to the Town of Lenox and \$6,250.00 of which will be paid to the Town of Lee.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Way a certain private way called Lasher Lane in Lenox Dale, as laid out by the Selectmen of Lenox and which said laying out together with boundaries and measurements of said Way has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of Lenox.

Approved by the Planning Board.

You are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lenox qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Lenox on Monday, February 25, 1957 at 7 o'clock A. M. to bring in their votes for the following town officers:

One Moderator for one year, One Selectman for three years, Two Members of the School Committee for a term of three years, One Assessor for three years, One member of the Board of Health for three years, One Water Commissioner for a term of three years, Six Constables for one year, One member of the Planning Board for five years, One member of the Planning Board for two years, to fill vacancy, One Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years, One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

All said officers will be voted for upon the Official Ballots furnished to the voters at the polls.

The Polls will be open at 7 A. M. and may be closed at 7 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the warrant therefore in three public places in the Town not less than seven days before the meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or the Selectmen, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands the eleventh day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

Signed:

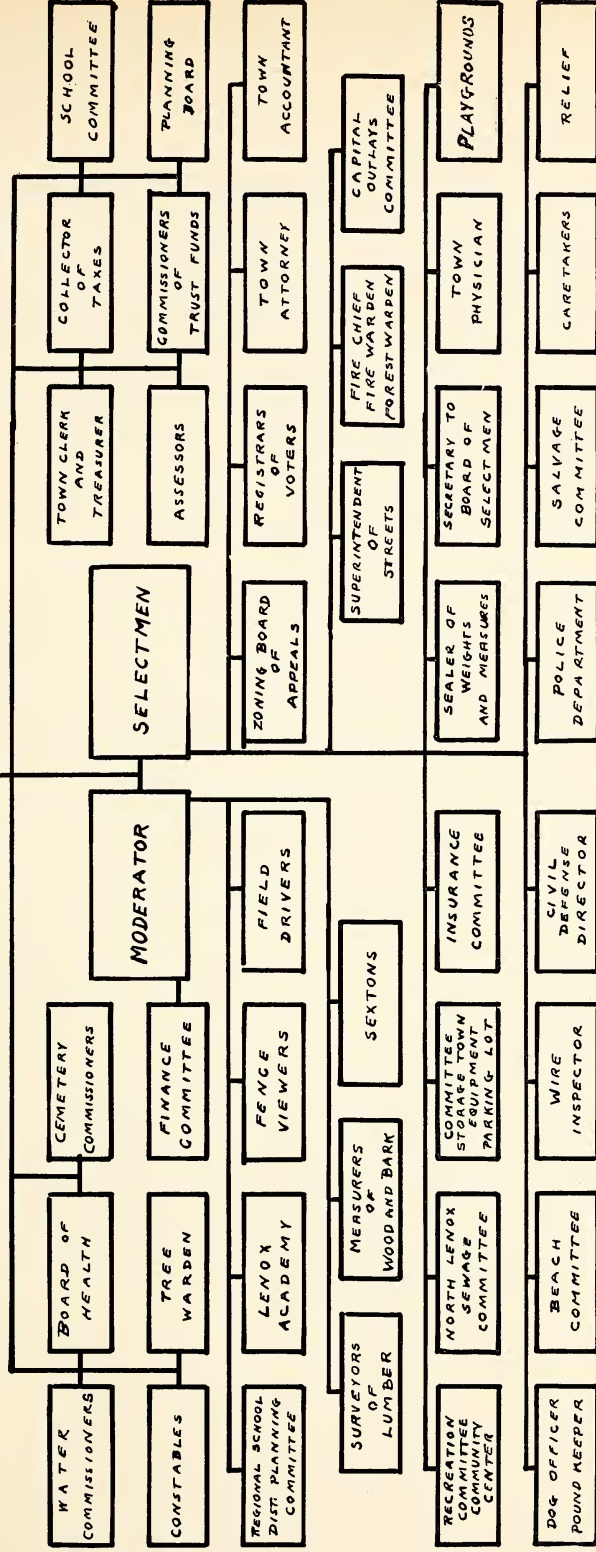
RALPH HENRY BARNES
DAVID H. MACKEY
CHARLES F. HOUSE,
Selectmen of Lenox.

A true Copy Attest:

WILLIAM H. GORMAN
Constable of Lenox.

ORGANIZATION CHART - TOWN OF LENOX, MASS.

V O T E R S



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Lenox:

As members of your Board of Selectmen we respectfully submit our report for 1956, and express our whole hearted thanks for the cooperation of the people during the year just past.

The developments of the past few years have brought us to a realization that our Towns are being pushed into new activities and projects without very much warning or preparation.

Here are five points that no one can miss:

1. The Massachusetts Thruway.
2. The growth of the Town, and need for more fire protection.
3. Dwindling surplus revenue.
4. School problem, proper educational requirements.
5. Sewer pattern in the North Lenox area.

In some minds Selectmen are not supposed to have positive views on policies and problems which are committed to other elective bodies and officials. This refers to the School Committee, the Tree Warden, the Water Commission and the Board of Health. The Selectmen, however, have the same interest as all the people. Being people themselves, they should not be bashful about injecting their ideas and thoughts into the continuous discussions about all Town problems.

A year ago the Selectmen appointed a Committee to report on various matters, including the storage of Town equipment and the modernization and rearrangement of space on the second floor of the Town Hall. We have the thought that all official business of the Town should be consolidated in the Town Building.

Several private ways were surveyed, and hearings were held to determine whether the property owners on those ways would grant necessary easements and waive land damages in case the Town Meeting votes to accept any or all of these streets as public ways. These are all dead end streets with the exception of Lasher Lane. We agree with the recommendation of Planning Board that no money be appropriated for construction except in the cases of Brunell Avenue and Lawton Avenue.

An Article has been inserted in the Warrant to authorize the Selectmen to sell, without further vote, all tax title land. It was found that the Town had title to two lots in the East Street-Orchard Street area, and this developed when we were laying out this Street (Orchard) for acceptance.

The Traffic Rules and Orders have been printed as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. These contain regulations and locations for Stop and Parking signs, and we anticipate that this will improve traffic conditions in the business center of the Town.

The School Committee and the people who live in the East New Lenox area are very much concerned with the fact that the school buses can no longer cross the bridge over the river due to excess weight. We have taken the matter up with the Commissioner of Public Works, and hope eventually to get this bridge replaced. A survey will have to be made by the State, and some determination made as to how the construction must be financed.

The boundaries of the Town were perambulated with Selectmen from the bordering towns. This is required to be done every five years, and the proceedings recorded.

Last year the Town voted to purchase the Aspinwall property for \$12,000. The Selectmen endeavored to secure clear title to the property, and to do this it was necessary to hire the legal assistance of Judge Charles R. Alberti of Pittsfield. His report is briefly quoted: "I, therefore, find that title is good as to about 58 acres, more or less, it being the main or more valuable part of the premises to be conveyed. As to the remaining 300 acres, more or less, which I am informed is much less valuable land, record title is two-thirds undivided interest in the sellers; and one-third undivided interest in the heirs and devisees of Thomas H. Hubbard, and the heirs and devisees of two of his deceased children. Deeds for all of these interests have been recorded with the Berkshire Registry of Deeds." In order to pay for this legal service it was necessary to defer the presentation of Judge Alberti's bill of \$1280.46 to Town Meeting of 1957. We therefore have placed an Article in the Warrant covering this obligation and recommend that the Town vote \$1280.46 from this year's taxation. The work was necessary and in the Town interest, and should be paid by the Treasurer as soon as authorized.

We have also inserted an Article to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a playground commission of 5 qualified citizens to control and manage this land until Town Meeting of 1958. At that time we propose to have the Playground Commission elected, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws.

Another Article in this year's Warrant concerns a right of way or easement over a 100-foot-wide strip through the Aspinwall property. The Company has made an offer of \$3000 for the easement, which would be used for the construction of a power line for service to a sub-station near the Tanglewood-Shadowbrook area. It would be necessary for the Town to secure approval of General Court for the vote of the Town, just the same as it would for any disposition of parcels of this property which was purchased for "Park and Playground Purposes."

In conclusion, the Board of Selectmen wishes to express its thanks for the help and cooperation of all officials, department heads and employees of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH HENRY BARNES

CHARLES F. HOUSE

DAVID H. MACKFY

Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Lenox:

Your Finance Committee submits the following report and recommendations for the year 1957;

Our recommendations with respect to the Budget and Special Articles in the Town Warrant amount to \$541,961.80. This represents an increase of approximately 24 per cent.

During the year the Finance Committee approved transfers from the Reserve Fund to the following accounts:

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| North Section, East St.—Water Installation | \$1,943.29 |
| Memorial Day Fund | 42.00 |
| Snow Roads Account | 1,500.00 |
| Accountant's Department | 40.00 |
| Lenox Academy Account | 125.00 |
| Fire Department | 266.00 |
| School Budget | 1,601.99 |
| Board of Health | 852.00 |
| Rec. Program (Turnure Trust Real Estate) | 770.00 |
| Telephone Account | 48.00 |
| Highway Department | 1,500.00 |
| Cemetery Account | 18.00 |
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| Total | \$8,706.28 |
| Balance Returned, Overlay Surplus | 1,293.72 |
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\$10,000.00

It is recommended that the Selectmen appoint a committee or Personnel Board which will be separate from the Finance Committee, and that this committee or board will be able to make a study of compensation of all Town employees; as the Finance Committee feels that the study of the various departments will result in a better evaluation of each employee. The primary authority must still rest with the Department concerned, followed by the Finance Committee for appropriations, and finally the Town Meeting.

It is recommended by the Finance Committee that some of the articles dealing with the Highway department should be postponed to a later date in view of the estimated tax rate in the Finance Committee's report.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 70 of the General Laws, whereby the Finance Committee is required to specify the estimated amount which is to be received as School Aid or reimbursement from the Commonwealth, the School Committee has submitted the figure of \$33,403.13.

The Committee appreciated the splendid cooperation and assistance it has received from the Board of Selectmen, town officials and employees for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. ROCHE, *Chairman*
JOSEPH E. MARTIN, *Clerk*
ADELBERT I. NEWTON
HARRY C. HUGHES
GEORGE F. HENDERSON
LENGES H. BULL
J. BURRELL FIELDING
WALTER B. BOOTH
HAROLD E. HUMPHREY
Finance Committee.

BUDGET REPORT

| | Expenditures | | Requested | Recom- mended |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1957 |
| General Government 7.3% of total budget | | | | |
| 1 Selectmen | \$ 5,319.00 | \$ 3,904.27 | \$ 4,100.00 | \$ 4,100.00 |
| 2 Accountant | 2,698.88 | 2,963.33 | 3,200.00 | 3,150.00 |
| 3 Treasurer | 3,026.78 | 3,003.45 | 3,350.00 | 3,325.00 |
| 4 Law | 450.00 | 472.50 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 5 Assessors | 3,000.00 | 3,215.00 | 3,415.00 | 3,415.00 |
| 6 Tax Collector | 3,298.50 | 3,548.99 | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 |
| 7 Town Hall | 10,093.78 | 10,323.55 | 10,850.00 | 10,850.00 |
| 8 Election and Registra- tion | 1,842.94 | 2,437.48 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 9 Town Clerk | 1,815.69 | 1,971.94 | 2,250.00 | 2,175.00 |
| 10 Finance Committee | 16.00 | 15.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 11 Planning Board | 493.32 | 568.57 | 650.00 | 650.00 |
| 12 Moderator | 60.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Totals | \$32,114.89 | \$32,484.08 | \$34,175.00 | \$34,025.00 |

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| Protection of Persons and Property 7.4% of total | | | | |
| 13 Police Department | \$10,707.01 | \$11,313.27 | \$12,196.00 | \$12,635.65 |
| 14 Fire Department | 13,740.53 | 12,991.97 | 13,438.80 | 13,776.75 |
| 15 Sealer of Weights | 236.38 | 259.86 | 270.00 | 260.00 |
| 16 Forestry Department | 3,483.60 | 3,493.24 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| 17 Insect Pest Control | 199.20 | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 18 Other Protection | 300.00 | 350.00 | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| 19 Wire Inspector | 450.00 | 465.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| 20 Civil Defense | 32.00 | 247.50 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 21 Board of Appeals | 2.97 | | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 22 Dutch Elm Disease | 2,494.80 | 2,476.36 | 3,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 23 Gypsy Moth | 999.99 | | 83.33 | 83.33 |
| Totals | \$32,646.48 | \$31,597.20 | \$34,338.13 | \$34,605.73 |

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| Health and Sanitation 4.2% of total | | | | |
| 24 Health Department | \$ 4,612.00 | \$ 5,651.16 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 25 Sewer and Pumping Station | 11,455.49 | 12,396.60 | 12,400.00 | 12,400.00 |
| 26 Lenox Visiting Nurse | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Totals | \$17,467.49 | \$19,447.76 | \$19,800.00 | \$19,800.00 |

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| Highways 11.2% of total | | | | |
| 27 Supt. of Streets | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 4,410.00 | \$ 4,800.00 | \$ 4,800.00 |
| 28 Highways, Bridges, Dust Layer | 21,511.43 | 21,010.47 | 21,000.00 | 21,000.00 |
| 29 Sidewalks | 2,289.69 | 2,126.05 | 2,300.00 | 2,300.00 |
| 30 Snow Roads | 9,782.78 | 11,299.34 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 31 Street Lights | 12,950.22 | 13,559.23 | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 |
| Totals | \$50,734.12 | \$52,405.09 | \$52,100.00 | \$52,100.00 |

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| Charities 12.4% of total | | | | |
| 32 Welfare Administration | \$ 1,550.00 | \$ 1,140.00 | \$ 1,287.00 | \$ 1,287.00 |
| 33 Charity Department | 10,701.13 | 6,385.63 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| 34 Old Age Assistance | 32,549.40 | 38,028.25 | 38,000.00 | 38,000.00 |
| 35 Aid to Dependent Children | 1,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 36 Disability Assistance | 1,037.00 | 3,535.53 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| 37 Veterans' Service | 2,335.70 | 1,739.76 | 2,450.00 | 2,450.00 |
| Totals | \$49,173.23 | \$53,829.17 | \$57,737.00 | \$57,737.00 |

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| Schools 46.4% of total | | | | |
| 38 Administrative | \$ 10,223.52 | \$ 11,038.14 | \$ 11,750.00 | \$ 11,750.00 |
| 38 Instructional-salaries | 115,769.01 | 116,412.49 | 137,040.42 | 137,040.42 |
| 38 Instructional-expense | 9,326.20 | 9,493.31 | 9,525.00 | 9,525.00 |
| 38 Operational | 22,862.75 | 24,330.86 | 24,850.00 | 24,850.00 |
| 38 Maint. and Outlay | 7,823.75 | 11,634.44 | 7,903.60 | 7,903.60 |
| 38 Auxiliary Agencies | 15,732.37 | 19,535.90 | 24,371.00 | 24,371.00 |
| Totals | \$181,737.60 | \$192,461.39 | \$215,440.02 | \$215,440.02 |

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| Parks and Recreation 2.6% of total | | | | |
| 39-1 Clifford Park | \$1,499.86 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 39-2 Town Parks | | 1,477.22 | 1,800.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 39-3 Community Center, Maintenance | 4,922.85 | 6,929.25 | 7,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| 39-4 Community Center, Recreational Program | 839.67 | 3,268.73 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Totals | \$7,262.38 | \$13,175.20 | \$12,300.00 | \$12,000.00 |

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| Pensions 1.1% of total | | | | |
| 40 Retirement System | \$4,958.92 | \$5,681.22 | \$5,446.06 | \$5,446.06 |

| Unclassified 2.5% of total | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 41 Memorial Day | \$ 393.42 | \$ 542.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 41 Town Clock | 75.00 | 75.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 41 Firemen's Poll tax refund | 188.00 | 186.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| 41 Printing and Postage | 1,196.35 | 1,280.35 | 1,700.00 | 1,700.00 |
| 41 Telephone | 612.30 | 743.30 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| 41 Machinery Account | 2,512.81 | 2,444.73 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 41 Quarters, Legion, Lenox Dale | 350.00 | 342.50 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 41 Lenox Academy | 1,029.32 | 1,113.41 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Totals | \$6,357.20 | \$6,727.29 | \$10,040.00 | \$10,040.00 |

| Cemeteries .9% of total | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cemeteries | \$ 5,035.13 | \$ 4,880.40 | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 4,200.00 |

| Insurance, Maturing Debt and Interest 4.0% of total | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Insurance and Bonds | \$ 5,740.45 | \$ 8,203.95 | \$ 8,847.53 | \$ 8,847.53 |
| Town Debt and Interest | 10,450.00 | 10,270.00 | 10,090.00 | 10,090.00 |
| Totals | \$16,190.45 | \$18,473.95 | \$18,937.53 | \$18,937.53 |

Budget Recapitulation

| | 1956 | 1957 | Increase or Decrease |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| General Government | \$32,484.08 | \$34,025.00 | \$+1,540.92 |
| Protection Persons and Property | 31,597.20 | 34,605.73 | +3,008.53 |
| Health and Sanitation | 19,447.76 | 19,800.00 | +352.24 |
| Highways | 52,405.09 | 52,100.00 | —305.09 |
| Charities | 53,829.17 | 57,737.00 | +3,907.83 |
| Schools | 192,461.39 | 215,440.02 | +22,978.63 |
| Parks and Recreation | 13,175.20 | 12,000.00 | —1,175.20 |
| Pensions | 5,681.22 | 5,446.06 | —235.16 |
| Unclassified | 6,727.29 | 10,040.00 | +3,312.71 |
| Cemeteries | 4,880.40 | 4,200.00 | —680.40 |
| Insurance, Maturing Debt and Interest | 18,473.95 | 18,937.53 | +463.58 |
| Total Budget Recommendations | \$431,162.75 | \$464,331.34 | +\$33,168.59 |
| Special Articles | 11,803.68 | 77,630.46 | +65,826.78 |
| | \$442,966.43 | \$541,961.80 | +\$98,995.37 |

Estimated charges:

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| County Tax, Hospitals, etc. | \$25,000.00 |
| Assessors' estimate, Overlay | 15,000.00 |

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| Total Recommendations and Estimates | \$581,961.80 |
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Estimated Receipts:

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Old Age and Charities | \$28,000.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 40,000.00 |
| Schools | 35,000.00 |
| Income | 16,000.00 |
| Corporation | 20,000.00 |
| Other local receipts | 12,000.00 |
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| | 151,000.00 |

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| Estimated balance to be raised by taxation | \$430,961.80 |
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Estimated rate of tax:

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| Schools | \$44.70 |
| General | 35.10 |
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| | \$ 79.80 |

**BREAKDOWN OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS OF SPECIAL ARTICLES
IN TOWN WARRANT, 1957**

| Article | Description | Amount | Taxation | Other |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8 | Chapter 90—Maintenance | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | |
| 9 | Chapter 90—Est. Construction | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | |
| 10 | Chapter 90—(718) West Street | 5,000.00 | | \$ 5,000.00 (718) |
| 11 | Chapter 90—East Street | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 (718) |
| 12 | Water Department, operation | 45,000.00 | | 45,000.00 (Revenue) |
| 16 | Legal Assistance—Aspinwall | 1,280.46 | 1,280.46 | |
| 17 | Road Roller | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| 18 | Town Hall repairs | 2,500.00 | | |
| 21 | North Lenox Sewer expense | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| 25 | Fire apparatus | 24,000.00 | 24,000.00 | |
| 26 | Storage shed | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| 27 | Regional School expense | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| 28 | High School boiler | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | |
| 29 | Architect, School survey | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | |
| 33 | Reserve Fund | 13,500.00 | | 13,500.00 (Overlay Reserve) |
| 36 | Brunell Avenue | 9,700.00 | 9,700.00 | |
| 44 | Lawton Avenue | 5,200.00 | 5,200.00 | |
| 63 | Capital Outlay expense | 250.00 | 250.00 | |
| 65 | Town Hall, facilities, architect | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 (Post War) |
| 66 | Memorial—war | 550.00 | | 550.00 (Post War) |
| 67 | Fire Department—repairs | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 (Post War) |
| Totals | | \$151,680.46 | \$77,630.46 | \$74,050.00 |

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

| | |
|---|-------|
| Resident population, State Census, 1955 | 3,592 |
| Summer population (estimated) | 6,100 |
| Number of Registered Voters | 2,110 |
| Number Voting at Annual Town Election | 1,003 |
| Number Voting at State Election | 1,922 |
| Number of Births | 85 |
| Number of Marriages | 32 |
| Number of Deaths | 73 |

Dogs Licensed

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Males | 188 |
| Females | 26 |
| Spayed Females | 111 |
| Kennel (\$25.00) | 1 |
| Kennel (\$10.00) | 6 |
| Paid County Treasurer | \$746.60 |

Fish and Game Licenses Issued

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Resident Citizen Fishing | 125 |
| Resident Citizen Hunting | 98 |
| Resident Citizen Sporting | 99 |
| Resident Citizen Minor Fishing | 28 |
| Resident Citizen Female Fishing | 41 |
| Resident Citizen Minor Trapping | 4 |
| Resident Citizen Trapping | 5 |
| Special Non-Resident Fishing | 21 |
| Non-Resident Citizen Minor Fishing | 8 |
| Non-Resident Citizen Fishing | 13 |
| Alien Fishing | 1 |
| Non-Resident Citizen Hunting | 1 |
| Duplicate | 8 |
| Resident Citizen Sporting (Free) | 17 |
| Paid Division of Fisheries and Game | \$1,512.00 |

TOWN DEBT—December 31, 1956

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Water Loan | \$119,000.00 |
| High School Addition | 50,000.00 |
| Sewage Disposal Plant—Lenox Dale | 2,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan | 13,000.00 |
| Schermerhorn Parkway Sewer | 2,000.00 |
| Water Mains—Pittsfield Road | 11,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan—Holmes Road | 2,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan | 16,000.00 |
| Assessors' Valuation | 5,477,330.00 |
| 5% Limit of Indebtedness | 273,866.50 |

Respectfully submitted,

ANN K. GORMAN,
Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1956 | \$273,946.54 | |
| Cash Receipts in 1956 | 647,557.89 | |
| | <hr/> | \$921,504.43 |
| Cash Payments in 1956 | | 718,188.05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$203,316.38 |

BANK STATEMENT

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lenox National Bank | \$151,967.81 | |
| Merchants National Bank of Boston | 55,805.59 | |
| Lenox Savings Bank | 26,141.94 | |
| Cash on Hand | 5,900.56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$239,815.90 |
| Less: | | |
| Checks Outstanding | \$ 6,147.05 | |
| Unpaid Warrants | 30,352.47 | |
| | <hr/> | \$36,499.52 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$203,316.38 |

POST WAR REHABILITATION INVESTMENT

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Investment Fund Cash and Securities December 31, 1955 | | \$40,857.48 |
| Added: | | |
| Interest on Investment | \$472.42 | 472.42 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$41,329.90 |
| Less: | | |
| Alterations to Vault and Survey | | |
| Storage of Town Equipment | | |
| Article 47, Town Meeting 2-25-55 | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Continue laying of Water Mains | | |
| East St., toward Walker St. | | |
| Article 15, Town Meeting 2-24-56 | 20,226.55 | |
| | <hr/> | 25,226.55 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance December 31, 1956 | | \$16,103.35 |

STABILIZATION FUND

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Balance December 31, 1955 | | \$31,063.55 |
| Added: | | |
| Deposit Authority Article 24 | | |
| Town Meeting 2-24-56 | \$15,000.00 | |
| Interest | 1,201.93 | |
| | <hr/> | \$16,201.93 |
| Balance December 31, 1956 | | <hr/> \$47,265.48 |

GEORGE E. TURNURE TRUST FUND

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Balance December 31, 1955 | \$7,002.90 |
| Interest | 211.63 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance December 31, 1956 | <hr/> \$7,214.53 |

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Trust Funds Cash and Securities January 1, 1956 | \$53,424.69 |
| Added: | |
| Income on Trust Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Interest Perpetual Care Funds | 1,397.06 |
| Interest Reserve Fund | 189.46 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,636.52 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$55,061.21 |
| Deducted: | |
| Cemetery Expenditures 1956 | \$1,894.67 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance January 1, 1957 | <hr/> \$53,166.54 |

Respectfully submitted,

ANN K. GORMAN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| For Town Purpose by Taxation | \$480,830.66 |
| Appropriation from Available Funds in 1956 | 159,673.44 |
| State Parks and Reservations for 1956 | 562.11 |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts for 1956 | 41.60 |
| Mosquito Control | 1,321.01 |
| County Tax for 1956 | 24,098.56 |
| County Tax for 1955 Deficit | 858.97 |
| Overlay of Current Year | 12,152.88 |
| | <hr/> \$679,539.23 |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Income Tax | \$29,562.63 |
| Corporation Taxes | 17,637.36 |
| Reimbursement on account publicly owned Land | 320.22 |
| Old Age tax (Meals) Chapter 63B, S10 (Col. 3 of Cherry Sheet) | 1,141.39 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | 40,000.00 |
| Licenses | 8,000.00 |
| Fines | 300.00 |
| General Government | 2,000.00 |
| Protection of Persons and Property | 50.00 |
| Charities (other than federal grants) | 6,750.00 |
| Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants) | 23,000.00 |
| Veterans' Services | 500.00 |
| Schools (Funds from Income Tax not to be included) | 9,300.00 |
| Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Department) | 42,000.00 |
| Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots) | 500.00 |
| Interest: On Taxes and Assessments | 300.00 |
| State Assistance for School Construction Chapter 645, Act of 1948 | 2,300.00 |
| Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds (Col. 4, of Cherry Sheet) | |
| State Parks and Reservations | 88.99 |
| Berkshire County Project | 74.07 |
| Used from Available Funds | 159,673.44 |
| | <hr/> \$343,498.10 |

| | | |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| Net Amount to be raised by Taxation on Polls and Property | | \$336,041.13 |
| Number of Polls 962 at \$2.00 each | \$ 1,924.00 | |
| Total Valuation of Personal Property | | |
| at \$61.00 per \$1,000 | \$724,000.00 | 44,164.00 |
| Total Valuation of Real Estate | | |
| at \$61.00 per \$1,000 | \$4,753,330.00 | 289,953.13 |
| | | ----- \$336,041.13 |

NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Horses | 47 |
| Cows | 109 |
| Yearlings | 2 |
| Heifers | 3 |
| Swine | 2 |
| Fowl | 1,000 |
| Number Acres Land | 11,441 |
| Number Dwellings | 1,038 |
| Omitted Assessment Real Estate | \$24.40 |
| Omitted Assessment Poll | \$2.00 |
| Excise Tax Levied in 1956 | \$51,737.36 |
| Excise Tax Levied in 1956 for Year 1955 | \$2,542.01 |

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. DEE, *Chairman*
DANIEL M. COWHIG, *Clerk*
EDWARD G. CONKLIN

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

POLL AND PROPERTY TAXES

Levy of 1955

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Uncollected Jan. 1, 1956 | \$12,389.26 | |
| Refunds | 99.00 | |
| Interest | 279.69 | |
| Demands | 38.50 | |
| | ————— | \$12,806.45 |

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$12,603.70 | |
| Abated | 123.00 | |
| Tax Titles | 79.75 | |
| | ————— | \$12,806.45 |

Levy of 1956

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Warrants—Poll—Personal—Real | \$336,409.93 | |
| Refunds | 622.20 | |
| Interest | 49.89 | |
| Demands | 14.00 | |
| | ————— | \$337,096.02 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$312,921.63 | |
| Abated | 7,761.33 | |
| Added to Tax Titles | 244.00 | |
| Uncollected—December 31, 1956 | 16,169.06 | |
| | ————— | \$337,096.02 |

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILER EXCISE TAXES

Levy of 1955

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Uncollected January 1, 1956 | \$3,029.12 | |
| Warrants committed in 1956 | 2,542.12 | |
| Refunds | 286.70 | |
| Interest and Demands | 49.51 | |
| | ————— | \$5,907.45 |

| | | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$5,282.20 | |
| Abated | 625.25 | |
| | ————— | \$5,907.45 |

Levy of 1956

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Warrants | \$51,737.36 | |
| Refunds | 1,381.15 | |
| Demands | 5.60 | |
| | ----- | \$53,124.11 |
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$42,160.78 | |
| Abated | 4,447.37 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1956 | 6,515.96 | |
| | ----- | \$53,124.11 |

TRAILER COURT FEES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received from Trailer Court | \$780.00 | |
| Paid Town Treasurer | | \$780.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE M. WALSH,
Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Lenox:

The Board of Water Commissioners submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

In accordance with the votes of the Town Meeting held on February 24, 1956, water main extensions were made on East Street during 1956.

The sum of \$30,000.00 was appropriated for the project on the north section. Eight inch pipe was installed from the end of the 1955 installation at the Parker property, northerly to New Lenox Road, a distance of 7,286 feet. The installation was made at a total cost of \$31,943.29, including six hydrants. The East Street main was connected with the North Lenox water system at New Lenox Road.

The sum of \$20,000.00 was appropriated for the installation on the south section. Six inch pipe was laid from Orchard Street southerly to Walker Street, a distance of 5,162 feet. This extension was made at a total cost of \$18,934.54, including five hydrants.

The following short extensions were made in 1956 from the general funds of the Water Department:

1. Housatonic Street. 196' of 2" Galv Pipe installed from existing 2" on south side of Housatonic Street to premises of George H. Bagnaschi, a new service. Cost \$199.34.
2. Lee Road. 63' of 1½" Galv Pipe laid across Lee Road to give service to Willoney Welch development. Cost \$155.02.
3. Kemble Street. 42' of 1¼" Galv Pipe and 64' of ¾" Copper Tubing laid across Kemble Street for the Tongring and Felton services. Cost \$149.14.
4. Cliffwood Street. 200' of 1" Copper Tubing laid from hydrant at Senior's easterly for service to Edward G. Smith and Dr. William Beautyman. This was done under co-operative plan; Mr. Smith paid for trenching and the Water Department furnished and installed pipe and fittings. Cost to Water Department \$161.96.
5. Walker Street. 315' of 1¼" Galv Pipe laid from East Street easterly on Walker Street to service Albert J. Mailloux, Gilbert H. Sedgwick and William G. Meaney. Property owners paid for the trenching; Water Department furnished and installed pipe and fittings. Cost to Water Department \$219.87.

In addition to the eleven hydrants installed on the new East Street water mains, one hydrant was installed on Plunkett Street, to give fire protection to the residents of that area. The hydrant in front of Monument House was replaced with a new one, as it was leaking.

The following progress has been made on the construction of a pumping station at West Street. Land for the site was purchased, the building erected, the pump purchased and installed, and connection made to the water main. An electrical control cubicle has been ordered and arrangements made for the electrical wiring at the building, which will complete the project, and put the pump in operation for the 1957 summer season. During the concert season of 1956, portable pumps were used to bring in the additional amount of water necessary to meet the demands of the increased usage, and in addition, the fire engine pump was used the last two weekends. The appropriation of \$10,387.27 for the pumping station project, made in 1956, and financed by the Water Department has paid all costs to date; the remaining expense will be paid from the regular Water Department operating appropriation.

At the Town Meeting, February 24, 1956, it was voted to terminate the agreement made between the City of Pittsfield and the Town of Lenox, dated April 20, 1939, relative to supplying water for domestic purposes and the extinguishment of fires to residents of North Lenox, and to accept the contract offered by the City of Pittsfield for the sale of water to the Town of Lenox and for the conveyance, transfer and assignment to the Town of Lenox of water mains, pipes, shutoffs, hydrants, equipment and machinery, rights and easements. The Board of Water Commissioners were authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Town of Lenox. On March 28, 1956, the Board executed this contract. All arrangements have been completed for the Town of Lenox to take over and operate this water system on May 1, 1957.

The Department is requesting an appropriation of \$45,000.00 for 1957 operations, and the revenues of the Department will be used to meet this appropriation. This is a \$3000 increase over 1956, as the Water Commissioners are making provision for the cost of purchasing water from Pittsfield to supply North Lenox customers, and for maintaining this system.

The past year we added 75 new services to the system, including East Street residents who connected to the new water mains.

The appropriations made in the past few years for water main extensions, paid for by sources other than Water Department funds, are the responsibility of the Water Department to the extent that any surplus remaining in the revenues of the Department each year must be reimbursed to the Town on account of these expenditures. For the year 1956, there was a net surplus of \$1,587.40 from Water Department operations, which amount has been paid to the Town on the water extension account. A total of \$25,351.42 has now been reimbursed to the Town, and payment of the first loan of \$25,000.00 made to the Department in 1949 completed.

We wish to express our thanks to all those who have given assistance to the Department and its personnel in 1956.

A financial report of the Department follows.

FINANCIAL REPORT—YEAR 1956

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Uncollected Water Rates, December 31, 1955 | \$ 4,214.92 | |
| Uncollected Service Charges, December 31, 1955 | 571.32 | |
| Water Rates billed in 1956 | 41,493.56 | |
| Service Charges billed in 1956 | 2,987.18 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$49,266.98 |
| Cash Receipts, Water Rates | \$38,635.44 | |
| Cash Receipts, Service Charges | 2,879.29 | |
| Abatements, Water Rates | 860.08 | |
| Abatements, Service Charges | 46.83 | |
| Uncollected Water Rates, December 31, 1956 | 6,212.96 | |
| Uncollected Service Charges, December 31, 1956 | 632.38 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$49,266.98 |

EXPENDITURES—YEAR 1956

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Maintenance and Operation: | | |
| Labor | \$ 9,222.41 | |
| Other Costs of Maintenance and Operation | 8,540.47 | |
| New Equipment (Truck) | 1,251.79 | |
| New Extensions | 526.54 | |
| Salary of Clerk | 3,570.00 | |
| Office Supplies and Expenses | 570.62 | |
| Incidental Expenses | 212.50 | |
| Salary of Superintendent | 1,680.00 | |
| Debt Interest | 3,353.00 | |
| Debt Retirement | 11,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | | \$39,927.33 |

SUMMARY FOR 1956

| | | |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Total Revenue from Water Rates and Service Charges | \$41,514.73 | |
| Less: Expenditures | 39,927.33 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Water Department Surplus for 1956 | | \$1,587.40 |

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. DEE
 OSCAR R. HUTCHINSON
 WALTER E. LAHART

Board of Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In the years from 1947 to 1953, the Town of Lenox enjoyed a tax rate averaging \$53 per thousand, and with wise management by our public officials found itself able to set aside into surplus revenue and other funds an average of \$23,000 each year. This was in spite of the inflationary spiral continually boosting expenses of government over this period.

In 1954 the rising costs of Town Government, with the many enlarged services it performs today, overtook the revenue of the Town and exceeded it by a small sum. In 1955 this tide continued and the Town of Lenox found that its operating costs exceeded its operating receipts by nearly \$9,000. Also in these two years, in addition to borrowing \$20,000 on a ten year loan, our surplus funds were reduced by more than \$55,000 through special appropriations for water mains, Chapter 90 road construction, highway department equipment, and repairs to town buildings.

In 1956 at the annual Town Meeting, further increases were approved in the Town Budget. To bring the operational costs of the Town back on a pay-as-you-go basis, a tax rate increase of \$6 was necessary. In addition very large appropriations were voted from surplus funds in this year—totalling in excess of \$100,000 for water mains, roads and equipment, sewer bed maintenance, and the Aspinwall property. This has reduced the surplus funds to a very low balance—and has drawn the State Auditor to caution against depleting these funds any further. A town, as does any well-managed business, requires some reserve funds (or working capital) to carry its budget for the year and to provide for the rainy days which may hit a community. We, therefore, strongly recommend that the Town maintain its surplus funds at their present level.

Now for a look into the next five years—to the capital outlays proposed to this Committee and to the ability of the Town to finance them. This year, and more particularly this fall, as the various departments of the Town of Lenox completed their studies and prepared requests of a capital nature, we have held many joint meetings, and meetings of our own, to bring these projects into focus.

The Committee approached the problem in this way. Receipts and expenditures were separated into two groups—those for operational purposes (which consist of normal Town Government and Services costs) and those for capital outlay. We then estimated what moneys would be left over after operating expenditures had been deducted from operating receipts for each of the five coming years. Using a \$61 tax rate as a base (this was the 1956 rate), we estimate that there will be no excess left. For 1957 we feel that income will about equal outgo. But that by 1961 the increases in town government and services costs will result in a \$10 to \$12 increase above the present \$61 rate, without any capital outlay.

In arriving at these figures, we prepared an analysis of receipts and expenditures from the Town Accountant's section of the Town Reports for the years 1946 through 1955. A copy of this chart follows this report, as we feel it will be most enlightening to the citizens of Lenox.

The actual figures for only the last five years were used in making our estimates for the next five. The estimates have been kept conservative and, percentage-wise, they result as follows:

| | <i>Actual increase 1950 to 1955 W/Out Capital Outlay</i> | <i>Estimated increase By 1961 W/Out Capital Outlay</i> |
|---|--|--|
| General Receipts | 36% | 20% |
| General Disbursements | 55% | 30% |
| Within the above two groupings, the following departmental figures are important: | | |
| Receipts—Taxation | 23% ^a | 24% ^b |
| Vehicle Excise | 71% | 26% |
| Water Revenue | 42% | 10% |
| Disbursements—Schools | 59% | 41% |
| Highways | 48% | none |
| Water Dept. | 23% | 3% |

Notes: a—Includes tax rate increase of \$5.

b—Includes no tax rate increase.

Lenox in 1957 is now face to face with the need to plan for very large outlays for school construction, sewer installations, and fire department equipment. From the preceding paragraphs, it is apparent that no excess operating revenue will be available for the next few years. Our surplus funds have been depleted to a minimum amount. Capital outlay must, therefore, come out of taxation—either direct or through the floating of bond issues within our limited debt restrictions, and the repaying of principal and interest over a long period of years. Our present debt limit is approximately \$265,000, of which \$54,000 is currently committed. The remainder of the 1956 Town Debt is for the water system and water mains and is allowed "outside the debt limit."

For 1957 this Committee recommends the following:

1. The purchase of one fire truck, with just the essential equipment, and it is suggested that the cost be kept within \$20,000.
2. \$10,000 for Chapter 90 road construction.
3. \$20,000 for repairs to the high school heating system.
4. \$ 8,000 for architect fees as outlined by the School Committee.
5. \$ 2,000 reserved for miscellaneous capital outlay.

These appropriations are recommended out of taxation and will represent an estimated \$11 addition to our tax rate.

For 1958 we estimate—

1. \$10,000 for engineering fees for the sewer outlay to come.
2. \$ 5,000 for Chapter 90 road construction.
3. \$ 2,000 for miscellaneous capital outlay.

For 1959 and the ensuing years, the future of the Town has not clearly defined itself yet. This Committee feels that 1957 will establish the Town's course in school and sewer construction, and that should these projects be accepted by 1958, our first bond amortization and interest payments will fall due in 1959.

For the sewer in North Lenox, the North Lenox Sewer Committee has developed four possible methods of financing. The total cost is estimated by competent engineers (Whitman & Howard of Boston) to be \$191,000, less probable Federal Aid of \$38,000, leaving a net cost of \$153,000. The methods are—

1. The Town of Lenox bear the full cost as on previous sewer installations.
2. Accept the Betterment Act under which assessments would be made against the abutters. The Town can share the cost according to a pre-determined rate. This Act, once accepted, binds the Town to it for all future sewer installations there and elsewhere.
3. Create a Sewer District which would finance, install, and govern itself for sewer purposes only, much the same as a separate town. Long term financing is available to it. The cost to the Town as a whole would be none, as the area within the District would bear the full cost.
4. Accept their full share of the cost of the sewer from the users in advance. On a 50% participation basis, this would require the users to raise in the neighborhood of \$95,000 before construction started.

Assuming the method which would require the largest financing cost for the Town (Method 1), over a 20 year term, the cost in bond amortization and interest for the first year, probably 1959, is estimated as \$2.50 on the tax rate.

The first step in the solution of our over-crowded school problem will no doubt be decided in 1957 and the initial measures taken toward a long range expansion and financing plan. This Committee is not recommending which of the avenues of school construction should be followed, but we are very greatly concerned with the magnitude of financing involved in the full expansion program outlined by the School Committee as being necessary. We feel that considerably more study should be given to it in the coming year. It is suggested that serious consideration be given to more fully utilizing our present school plant—even to having limited double school sessions.

However, to indicate how much school construction will cost the taxpayer, let us suppose a \$300,000 appropriation is required, is financed by a 30-year bond issue, and that State Aid in construction is granted amounting to \$93,000. The first year's bond payments with provision for increased operational expenses (salaries, heat, maintenance, etc.) would require an estimated tax rate of \$11 per thousand.

Grouping together a possible school outlay and sewer outlay as discussed above, together with a nominal road construction program and a small amount of other capital outlay, it is very probable that our tax rate will rise to \$81 by 1959.

| | |
|---|---------------|
| 1956 Tax Rate | \$61.00 |
| Excess of operating costs over operating receipts in 1959 | 5.50 |
| Sewer amortization | 2.50 |
| School amortization and added operating expenses | 11.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1.00 |
| <i>Estimated Tax Rate for 1959</i> | <hr/> \$81.00 |

In summary, the Capital Outlay Committee feels that Lenox, like most other communities throughout the Commonwealth, is faced with expensive additions to their school and public service institutions. Our problem here is graver, though, than in practically any other town in Massachusetts in that 33% of our real estate is exempt from taxation. We are also aware that the answer may not have been found to our water supply shortage during the summer peak periods. Our inter-connection with the Pittsfield system in 1956 did not prove to be of help as Pittsfield suffered the temporary loss of a reservoir that year.

To maintain our Town in a sound financial condition, these large capital outlays should be approved only after thorough investigation. Our endeavors this year have been to develop recommendations that will keep Lenox's reserve funds from growing leaner, to commence the charting of capital outlays in a program that can be adequately carried through taxation, and to inform the Town of the effects on our tax rate. Our studies will so continue in the year ahead.

As the Committee has felt the need during the last year for a small budget to cover miscellaneous expenses, we are asking at this Town Meeting for an appropriation of \$250 for 1957.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to all departments of the Town for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL R. CLARK, *Chairman*
WALTER E. DAVERIN, *Clerk*
JOHN D. BLAKE
NORTON M. CASE
CHARLES A. DEE
HENRY A. FUORE
GEORGE L. HUGHES
JOHN D. KENNEDY

TOWN OF LENOX RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES 1946 to 1955

(As condensed from the Town Reports)

| | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| General Receipts: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxation | \$156,672 | \$227,898 | \$208,267 | \$237,852 | \$236,707 | \$261,154 | \$277,359 | \$280,962 | \$281,844 | \$291,210 |
| State Distribution | 36,667 | 37,802 | 37,211 | 66,134 | 50,651 | 64,386 | 69,935 | 66,124 | 65,449 | 62,041 |
| Vehicle Excise | 4,435 | 8,891 | 13,488 | 20,646 | 25,901 | 27,643 | 27,391 | 32,799 | 38,192 | 44,330 |
| Water Revenue | — | — | 20,736 | 30,328 | 29,672 | 32,195 | 33,443 | 35,625 | 37,102 | 41,996 |
| Other Receipts | 35,166 | 46,351 | 54,714 | 67,404 | 67,369 | 87,189 | 107,802 | 111,603 | 106,855 | 119,452 |
| Total | \$232,940 | \$320,942 | \$334,416 | \$422,364 | \$410,300 | \$472,567 | \$515,930 | \$527,113 | \$529,442 | \$559,029 |
| General Disbursements: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schools | \$ 69,100 | \$ 88,074 | \$ 92,817 | \$109,938 | \$115,340 | \$131,863 | \$139,755 | \$154,100 | \$173,063 | \$182,820 |
| Highways (w/o Chapter 90) | 39,049 | 47,378 | 55,948 | 60,056 | 51,136 | 58,665 | 68,214 | 74,952 | 77,934 | 75,433 |
| Public Welfare | 24,150 | 29,773 | 33,899 | 42,475 | 43,093 | 56,392 | 67,674 | 66,927 | 65,924 | 72,381 |
| Water Dept. (Incl. Water Debt) | — | — | 23,184 | 27,434 | 28,502 | 29,877 | 29,989 | 32,870 | 32,957 | 34,960 |
| Debt Retirement | 5,225 | 5,113 | — | 8,000 | 7,880 | 7,760 | 7,800 | 10,810 | 10,630 | 10,450 |
| Town Government and Misc. | 74,022 | 91,386 | 102,873 | 115,355 | 121,119 | 131,987 | 139,760 | 150,705 | 171,678 | 191,680 |
| Total | \$211,546 | \$261,724 | \$308,721 | \$363,258 | \$367,070 | \$416,544 | \$453,192 | \$490,364 | \$532,186 | \$567,724 |

Excess Revenue or Loss: \$21,394 \$59,218 \$25,695 \$59,106 \$43,230 \$56,023 \$62,738 \$36,749 \$2,744 \$8,695

Add Surplus Revenue, beginning: \$101,058 \$80,526 \$127,791 \$143,851 \$161,328 \$181,643 \$223,416 \$265,990 \$295,884 \$250,505

Add Other Funds Received:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Borrowing | — | \$173,000 | \$100,000 | — | \$25,000 | — | \$31,000 | — | \$20,000 | — |
| County and State Chap. 90 Roads | — | 25,978 | 17,855 | \$26,430 | 7,500 | \$25,198 | 15,397 | \$10,992 | 13,640 | \$15,708 |
| From Post War R. Fund | \$25,000 | — | 26,090 | 10,300 | — | 10,000 | — | 15,000 | 779 | — |
| Grand Total | \$147,452 | \$338,722 | \$297,431 | \$239,687 | \$237,058 | \$272,864 | \$332,551 | \$328,731 | \$327,559 | \$257,518 |

Capital Outlay and Other:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| High School Addi. and Improve. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chapter 90 Roads | | \$13,555 | \$87,876 | \$56,208 | | | \$4,379 | \$4,800 | \$ | \$ 688 |
| Town Hall and Bldgs. Repairs | | 34,801 | 18,597 | 26,586 | 12,153 | 33,816 | 16,713 | 14,648 | 18,154 | 20,405 |
| Water Mains | | | 8,470 | 9,356 | 12,503 | | | | 6,134 | |
| Sewers | | | | 6,910 | 33,313 | 9,778 | 28,145 | 11,771 | 22,672 | 28,046 |
| Stabilization Fund | | | | | 12,362 | 9,615 | 21,499 | 5,075 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Other | 7,475 | 173,000 | | | | | | | 5,179 | 7,339 |
| (Fire Pump) (Water Co.) | | | | | | | | | (Truck) (Truck Trac.) | |
| Total | \$7,475 | \$221,356 | \$114,943 | \$99,060 | \$70,331 | \$53,209 | \$70,736 | \$36,294 | \$67,827 | \$72,289 |

Available Funds, ending *

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | \$139,977 | \$117,366 | \$182,488 | \$140,627 | \$166,727 | \$219,655 | \$261,815 | \$292,437 | \$259,732 | \$185,229 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

Note*—When adjusted for the changes in uncollected taxes and unpaid appropriations and reserves, this figure becomes the Surplus Revenue for the end of the year.

Capital Outlay Committee.

REPORT OF CENTRAL BERKSHIRE WELFARE DISTRICT AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Lenox, Mass.

I hereby submit my report as Agent for the Central Berkshire Welfare District, comprising the towns of Lenox, Richmond and Tyringham, as related to the Town of Lenox, Massachusetts.

General Relief:

On January 1, 1956 there were two cases being aided in Lenox and five Lenox cases being aided by other towns. During the year nine cases were added in Lenox and two Lenox cases were added in other towns, making a total of eighteen cases aided. By December 31, 1956 nine cases were closed in Lenox and two Lenox cases closed in other towns leaving a total of seven active cases; two being aided in Lenox and five being aided by other towns.

Assistance payments to:

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| 4 Lenox settled cases | \$ 348.40 |
| 3 cases settled in other towns | 701.37 |
| 4 State cases | 1,874.18 |
| 7 Lenox cases in other towns | 3,275.98 |
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| Total expenditures | \$6,199.93 |

Aid to Dependent Children:

On January 1, 1956 there were four active cases with seventeen dependents. During the year two new cases were added with eight dependents, making a total of six cases aided. By December 31, 1956 one case was closed leaving a total of five cases with nineteen dependents.

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| Total expenditures | \$5,784.78 |
|--------------------|------------|

Disability Assistance:

On January 1, 1956 there were two active cases in this category. During the year one case was added, none were closed, leaving a total of three active cases December 31, 1956.

Assistance payments to:

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| 3 cases | \$4,501.40 |
| Checks cancelled | 35.53 |
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| Total expenditures | \$4,465.87 |

Old Age Assistance:

On January 1, 1956 there were fifty-three cases being aided in Lenox and eight Lenox cases being aided by other towns. During the year five cases were added in Lenox and three cases added in other towns, making a total of sixty-nine cases aided. By December 31, 1956 nine cases were closed in Lenox and four in other towns leaving a total of fifty-six active cases.

Assistance payments to:

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 58 Lenox cases | \$55,737.83 |
| 11 cases aided by other towns | 1,073.67 |
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| | \$56,811.50 |
| Checks cancelled | 56.30 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total expenditures | \$56,755.20 |
| Total refunds 1956 | \$ 1,020.38 |

A summary of important changes which took place during the year 1956 as regards assistance payments is as follows:

1. Cost of living adjustment.
Effective July 1, 1956 it was required that assistance budgets on OAA, ADC and DC be raised 5.07% due to an increase in the cost of living index.
2. Federal matching in OAA, ADC and DA.
Effective October 1, 1956 an amendment to the Social Security Act provided for an increase in the maximum on assistance payments subject to Federal Participation.
3. Eligibility of non-citizens for OAA.
Effective November 7, 1956, this amendment extends the benefits of OAA to non-citizens who have resided in the United States for twenty years and who have met all other requirements of eligibility.

Budget for year 1957:

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Old Age Assistance | \$38,000.00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 3,500.00 |
| Disability Assistance | 4,000.00 |
| General Relief | 8,500.00 |
| Welfare Administration | 1,287.00 |

At this time I wish to thank the Board of Public Welfare of Lenox for the cooperation and assistance given this Department during the year 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH M. FIELDING,
Welfare Agent.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Following is my report for the year 1956:

The Highway Department consists of a Superintendent and a crew of seven men in the summer, five in winter. The Department's equipment consists of four dump trucks, one pick-up, one grader, one combination front-end loader, one side-walk snow plow, a broom sweeper and a road rake, one sewer cleaning machine, and other equipment incidental to road work, both construction and maintenance.

This Department is responsible for maintenance of several bridges, street sign installation, snow removal, park, street and sewer maintenance, and some resurfacing and construction work on sidewalks, curbs, gutters and roads.

All road work authorized last year has been completed.

The Town by its street improvement program, is decreasing the number of miles of unimproved dirt and gravel roads each year. Those remaining still require costly maintenance in the form of constant grading, gravel and dust laying substances. Our paved streets require black topping, patching and occasional resurfacing. I recommend that a 3-ton roller be purchased. This would pay for itself in about 4 years time. Traffic is heavier than it used to be and the people are more road conscious. Chapter 90 work is progressing on East Street, but at the rate of a quarter of a mile a year, and at this rate it will take 10 years to complete it. I recommend that the Town forces be authorized to do a part of this work, say \$5000.00 a year, which could cut this time in half. My recommendation on total budget for roads per year would run something like this:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Chapter 90 construction | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Chapter 90 maintenance | 1,000.00 |
| Resurfacing specific roads | 28,000.00 |
| Highway maintenance | 21,000.00 |
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| | \$55,000.00 |
| Usual State and County help | 15,000.00 |
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| | \$70,000.00 |

Every one of the ways coming up for acceptance are "dead-end" streets and construction and maintenance costs are high. For this reason, only two of these roads are recommended for construction each year even if accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW PIRETTI,
Superintendent of Highways.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Lenox:

During this past year the routine duties of the Board of Health were carried out. In addition to the routine immunization clinics at which the triple vaccine was administered to the school children, clinics were also held for the administration of the Salk vaccine to the pre-school and school children, and certain selected eligible adults. Numerous complaints relative to sanitation were received and investigated. The Board is pleased to learn of the progress being made in North Lenox relative to a purposed sewer system to that area. A tri-town Boards of Health meeting was held in the spring at the East Lee Inn, which included Boards of Health from Lenox, Lee, and Stockbridge. Our Milk-Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Paul Morse was the speaker of the evening and he discussed items of sanitation which were common to our three towns. He also touched on pollution of the Housatonic River.

A new custodian has been appointed to the town dump. He is Robert Herrick formerly of Bull's garage. He assures the Board that under his watchful eye the dump will be kept as neat as possible. All users of the dump are encouraged to throw their rubbish well over the edge so that the surface may be kept clear and free of litter at all times. This will relieve some of the work load of our part time custodian and reduce the expense of bull-dozing.

In regard to reportable diseases the following list is submitted:

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Chicken Pox | 17 |
| Dog Bites | 14 |
| German Measles | 2 |
| Gonorrhea | 4 |
| Mumps | 22 |
| Scarlet Fever | 4 |
| Syphilis | 1 |
| Tuberculosis | 1 |

Reports of the various inspectors follow:

- A. Inspector of Slaughtering, Joseph Smith; 5 beef, 7 veal, 1 swine.
- B. Inspector of Animals, James Pelton; Milk cows 2 years and over 217, heifers 1 year to 2 years 64, calves under 1 year 44, bulls 11, steers 1, horses 88, goats 27, sheep 3, swine 2. Forty-two stables were inspected and found clean. No tubercular reactors were found. Fourteen cases of dog bite were investigated and quarantined. No cases of rabies were found.
- C. Recorder, Mrs. Ann K. Gorman: Births 85, Deaths 69.
- D. Milk-Sanitary Inspector, Paul A. Morse; during 1956 something over 3500 samples of milk, water and restaurant utensil swabs were checked at the laboratory. Farms, milk plants and restaurants were inspected at regular inter-

vals. Sanitary conditions as a whole continue to be satisfactory. We rate very high with the State Department of Health in our sanitation program.

Swimming pools become more popular each year. Three new ones were in use last summer and plans are under way for two more this coming year. These and swimming areas at the lake are checked frequently.

New buildings and housing developments with their septic tank installations continue to take an increasing amount of my time. Even more are scheduled to get under way this year. Barring unforeseen setbacks and given adequate additional water supplies this will continue to be a booming area.

I again recommend that serious consideration be given to providing proper sewage disposal for the more thickly settled areas that are not now taken care of.

The usual licenses for milk, oleo, pasteurizing and ice cream were issued.

- E. Complaint Agent, Mr. William H. Gorman: homes posted for Scarlet Fever 4, complaints investigated 24, trips out of Town for Board of Health 7.

Report of the clinics, Miss Morrison: in the Diphtheria Clinics new series of injections were given to 16 and 41 stimulating injections. In the Salk Polio Clinics 328 were given their first injection and 535 received their second. Dr. Mackey examined 437 in the Dental Clinic.

Regular business for issuing licenses and inspecting places of which might be injurious to the public health has been carried out.

Appreciation for excellent cooperation goes to Miss Nellie Morrison, R.N., the School Nurse for her efforts in the Diphtheria, Dental and Polio Clinics; to Mr. Paul A. Morse, our Milk-Sanitary Inspector; Dr. William Mackey, School Dentist; Mr. James Pelton, Inspector of Animals; Mr. Joseph Smith, Inspector of Slaughtering; Mr. William Gorman, Complaint Agent; Mrs. Ann K. Gorman, Recorder; and Mrs. Nellie Noonan, R.N., of the Visiting Nurses Association whose timely advice was of help on numerous occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. BERGAIN, M.D., *Chairman*
WALTER HUTCHINSON, *Clerk*
HAROLD R. FELTON

Board of Health.

VETERANS' SERVICE DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Lenox:

Veterans' Benefits granted during the year 1956 were well within the appropriation. Compared to the year 1955 this shows a decline in the benefits. It is considered that this is due to a healthy condition of the economy, as well as the health of the veterans themselves. We must be cognizant of the potential increase in the number of cases this office may be called upon to assist, due to unemployment, accidents or illness of veterans and their dependents.

During the year several veterans were placed in Veterans' Administration Hospitals, for temporary treatment and return to their homes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. HOUSE,
Veterans' Agent.

REPORT OF VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the fiscal year the Visiting Nurse made the following visits:

1096 home nursing

50 in the office

1146 total, serving 67 families

Hospital beds have been lent to 3 persons.

Wheelchair used by 1 person.

The Nurse accompanied 10 patients in the Town ambulance to Pittsfield Hospitals.

She assisted in the Triple Inoculation and Salk Injection programs in the Lenox Public Schools and Windsor Mt. School; also gave G.G. injections at Cranwell Summer Camp.

She assisted in the Well Child Conference, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association.

She delivered Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts for The Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Noonan attended classes at the Pittsfield High School, also classes in Westfield, given by Boston University, on the new trends in the treatment of Tuberculosis.

We wish to thank Mrs. Noonan for her faithful work and extend our appreciation to the Board of Health and the Welfare Department for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. DANA,

President.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Fire Department regrets the loss of three of its members during the year and the department expresses its deepest sympathy to their families.

IN MEMORIAM

L. Harry Peters

Entered Fire Dept. Nov. 7, 1910—Died Jan. 16, 1956
46 years Fire Service

Irving Campbell

Entered Fire Dept. Oct. 4, 1926—Died Jan. 17, 1956
30 years Fire Service

James O'Brien, Jr.

Entered Fire Dept. Nov. 7, 1910—Died Aug. 12, 1956
46 years Fire Service

New water main extensions were made this year on East St. and fire hydrants were installed so that all of East St. from Walker St. to the Pittsfield Town Line is now covered with hydrants within 500 ft. of all properties which allows better insurance rates.

Attic stairs were installed at the Lenox Dale Fire Station, and the Lenox Fire Station stairs were rebuilt.

I recommend the replacement of the 32 year old American La France Truck and the 25 year old Buffalo Stewart Fire Truck as soon as possible.

After meeting with the Board of Selectmen, The Capital Outlay Committee, and the Finance Committee and receiving the opinion of them that only one piece of apparatus should be bought this year I recommend that a Fire Truck that will combine longer ladders, larger booster tank, high pressure fog streams, and oil fire extinguishing apparatus be obtained. By combining these features it seems it would eliminate the need and expense of a separate ladder truck and allow a much sooner replacement of these two very old fire trucks.

The replacement of these two old trucks is also recommended by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Assn. who sets our insurance rates on the basis of fire protection provided and they state that Fire Apparatus over 20 years old should be replaced.

I ask that the 1957 Fire Protection appropriation be as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Fire Department answered the following calls during 1956: Chimney Fires 2, Resuscitator calls 1, Building fires 16, Heating equipment 4, Out of Town 1, Grass and Forest fires 11, Leaking gas 1, Electrical equipment 5, Auto accidents 5, Auto Fires 4, Miscellaneous 3.

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| Total Fire Calls | 57 |
| Ambulance calls | 59 |
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| Total calls | 116 |

We wish to thank the many persons who have aided the Fire Department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR R. HUTCHINSON,
Chief Fire Department.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

For Year 1956

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|--|----|
| Auto accidents reported and investigated | 52 |
| Doors found unlocked | 27 |
| Summonses served for out of town police | 33 |
| Complaints answered | 61 |
| Arrests made | 8 |
| Trips to Northampton State Hospital | 2 |
| Arrests for non-support | 2 |
| Children reported missing | 1 |
| Stolen property reported | 6 |
| Attempted breaks | 1 |
| Cars stolen | 2 |
| Dogs reported hit by automobiles | 5 |
| Dogs killed by automobiles | 3 |
| Lost property | 3 |
| Prowlers | 2 |

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID H. MACKEY,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Lenox:

In accordance with the Town's By-Laws the Planning Board herewith submits its Annual Report.

During the year 1956, the Planning Board granted the following permits:

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|-------------------|----|
| New Construction: | |
| Residences | 30 |
| Commercial | 11 |
| Alterations | 4 |
| Garages (private) | 16 |
| Signs | 11 |
| Swimming Pools | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 8 |

Within this period, the Board conducted 9 Public Hearings and denied 2 permits to applicants.

The Planning Board is submitting Articles for the Town Warrant to be acted upon at the Annual Town meeting in 1957.

The Board is recommending the following changes in the Town's By-Laws:

- (1) Change Section 1 of Chapter XIII to read as follows:
 "No motor trailer used for residence purposes shall be parked within the limits of the Town other than in a duly authorized motor trailer parking lot."
- (2) Change Section 8A—"Area Regulations" part 3 of Chapter VI to read as follows:
 "Lot Size. No building, except one story buildings of accessory use, shall be erected in a residence district on a lot containing less than twenty-two thousand five hundred square feet, or less than one hundred and fifty feet wide: provided that one building may be erected on any lot which, at the time the original Zoning Law was adopted (February 3, 1941) is separately owned and contains five thousand square feet: and provided further that one building may be erected on any lot which prior to July 18, 1956, is separately owned and contains fifteen thousand square feet."
- (3) Change Section 3—"Subdivision A" of Chapter V to read as follows:
 "A subdivision for the purpose of this Section is hereby defined to be a division of a tract of land into two or more lots in such manner as to require provision for one or more new public ways, not accepted by the Town at the time when this By-Law is passed, to furnish access for vehicular traffic to one or more such lots, and shall include subdivision. The minimum width for each lot on such public way shall not be less than two hundred feet and the total area of such lot shall not be less than forty-thousand feet."

- (4) Sections 6 and 7 shall be added to Chapter XIII "Miscellaneous Provisions." Section 6 to read as follows:

"No person or corporation shall, within the Town of Lenox, act, or be collectors of, dealers in, or keepers of shops for the purpose of sale, or harbor junk, old metals, or second hand articles in a business or industrial district unless licensed by the Board of Selectmen, as provided by Statute, and only after a Public Hearing has been held."

Section 7 to read as follows:

"No person shall in a Resident District in the Town of Lenox harbor for sale junk, old metals and unregistered vehicles, except those vehicles used for farm purposes."

The pressing need for a parking lot near the center of the Town is obvious to everyone. A study of this problem was made by the Planning Board during the year, and the Board is recommending that a portion of the land (70' by 100') of the westerly part of the park on Main Street and Sunset Avenue be converted into a Town parking lot; provided, however, that the park is properly landscaped on that part of the land adjoining the new parking lot. It is estimated that a gravel, oil and tar surface would cost approximately \$1800.

The Planning Board is also recommending additional Articles to be included in the Warrant for the next Town Meeting.

- (1) The acceptance by the Town of the following private ways as public ways:

- (a) Brunnel Avenue
- (b) Lasher Lane
- (c) Bolton Drive
- (d) Neilsen Road
- (e) Orchard Street
- (f) May Street
- (g) Jenifer Street
- (h) Lawton Avenue
- (i) Henry Avenue

The Board recommends, however, that no reconstruction work be done on any of these accepted public ways, except Brunnel Avenue and Lawton Avenue, and on Lawton Avenue only that portion that lies between Crystal Street and School Street. The Board, realizing the difficulties faced by the Finance Committee this year, makes these recommendations subject to the availability of moneys for these expenditures.

The Planning Board regrets to report that nothing has resulted from its attempts to arrange a meeting with State and neighboring Town Officials to discuss and try to solve the impending traffic problems that will be created when the Massachusetts Thruway is completed. The barn door is slowly closing and the horse is nowhere in sight. The Planning Board prays that it may behave with restraint and dignity and refrain from saying "we told you so" when the stampede is on us.

After some difficulty was encountered in clearing title, the Board is gratified to report acquisition of the Aspinwall property as a Town Park and Playground.

At long last the Board has completed the task of numbering the buildings within the limits of the Town. The Board expresses its profound thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Ford for undertaking and completing this onerous and difficult job.

All changes and additions to the By-Laws passed at the last Town Meeting have been approved by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, and these modifications together with earlier changes have been printed for insertion in the By-Law booklet.

Many changes have occurred in the physical lay-out of the Town since the present Zoning Map was drawn in 1940. Unfrequented roads have been abandoned, new streets and avenues added, zoning districts changed, for example. The Board is, therefore, recommending that a new map be published and to help defray expenses that a fee be charged to those wishing to purchase the same.

The Capital Outlays Committee, of which the five members of the Planning Board are members, was authorized at the annual Town Meeting held in 1954 "to study and appraise the future capital needs of the Town relative to the possibilities and resources of the Town." This Committee has during the past two years held meetings with the various Town departments and officials and is staggered by the future outlook. Not only are we faced with School and North Lenox sewerage problems, but some of our public buildings are in need of immediate repairs; our water supply is diminishing because of increased demand with no foreseeable adequate reserves; the replacement of obsolete equipment, such as fire and roadway machinery, is long past due; and there is obsolescence of existing facilities which should be gradually replaced before complete deterioration sets in. Before the formation of the Capital Outlays Committee, there existed no comprehensive authorized group to study and anticipate not only the future needs of the Town but the realistic present as well. While the Town was small, there existed no compulsion for such unpleasant thinking, but growth is invariably accompanied by growing pains, which unfortunately cannot be cured by Nature as in human beings, but only by direct human action. With this in mind the Planning Board recommends that the Capital Outlay Committee make a more intensive survey of the future capital needs of the Town for the next five years. This report to include:

- (1) A complete list of all necessary needs.
- (2) An arrangement of these needs in the order of necessity.
- (3) An estimate of cost.
- (4) Methods of financing available.

The Planning Board also suggests that this report be completed not later than December 15th of each year, and a copy of this report be filed with the Town Finance Committee so that this Committee may have the benefits of these studies before the Finance Committee makes its recommendations for the annual Town Meeting.

The Planning Board has been working for some time on a Building Code for the Town, which would be sensible, practical and enforceable but, as yet, nothing tangible is produceable.

In view of possible industrial developments in the neighborhood upon the completion of the Massachusetts Thruway, the Planning Board has been studying the possibilities of establishing an industrial district for the purpose of light manufacturing. The best location in the opinion of the Board is land adjoining the railroad tracks.

The Planning Board regrets the resignation of its Chairman, Charles G. Stanley on December 31, 1956, who because of new business activities could no longer give the time the Board requires. It was with reluctance the Board accepted Mr. Stanley's resignation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. STANLEY, *Chairman*
JOHN BLAKE
HENRY A. FUORE
GEORGE L. HUGHES
JOHN D. KENNEDY

REPORT OF LENOX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The year 1956 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Library. On the whole the centennial year was a good one marked by further improvement of our services and facilities.

Circulation among adults again increased but slightly while total circulation showed a gain of 3.7%. This result was occasioned principally by an increase of 12.6% in the use of juvenile books. Special efforts were made during the year to attract more juvenile readers and it would appear that some of these efforts have been rewarded. We hope to promote even more interest among this important group in the future.

As previously pointed out, however, circulation statistics alone are not a dependable measure of the vigor of an institution such as ours. The Librarian's report sets forth in detail the variety of other services rendered. Not the least of these is the offering of considerable up-to-date reference material. In addition, the Book Committee has continued to make selections in this field that are much in demand.

During the year the upstairs hallway was renovated. This much needed improvement has added greatly to the attractiveness of our second story facilities and will provide a suitable area for the hanging of many pictures and portraits of local interest. Our Building Superintendent played a large part in the work and contributed many hours of overtime labor in our behalf.

The development of our local historical section continued and arrangements have been made for permanent displays. Records and memorabilia have been sorted and classified. Further, in response to a direct appeal, we have received a number of gifts during the year for addition to our collections.

All of our principal committees were active in their respective fields. The Book Committee met regularly and performed with an efficiency we have come to regard as customary. The Music Committee gave us its usual outstanding support and our musical facilities were used by more people than during the previous year. The Art Committee has so expanded and improved our collection of art books that circulation of the latter showed a substantial increase. Public interest in this field is pronounced. During the year, the Finance Committee without holding formal meetings made several reviews of our portfolio as a result of which a number of changes in investments were made. The Building and House Committee successfully initiated and supervised maintenance and renovations. Year in and year out the Library is fortunate beneficiary of the unselfish efforts of its Committee Chairmen and many members.

Our financial position may be described as satisfactory but in a cash sense only. Reserves remain pitifully small and fall far short of even minimum requirements. The pressures of inflation as reflected in the higher cost of all items purchased and in higher salaries granted the staff are a never ceasing source of concern to our management. Were it not for the consistent generosity of our friends and the Town of Lenox, we should find ourselves unable to balance our modest budget.

At the close of our fiscal year our Librarian resigned to accept a similar but less exacting position at another Library. Miss Poirier has led our staff for eighteen years during which time she has proved herself to be outstanding in every respect. Her undivided devotion to the Library and through it to the people it serves deserves the greatest praise while her professional attainments and her high standards will serve as goals her successors will be happy to achieve. It is utterly impossible to express in a few words here how deeply we are indebted to Miss Poirier or to tell her how sadly she will be missed. She leaves with our every good wish for the future and will always have with her the knowledge of our gratitude and affection.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Managers, I thank once again most sincerely all who have helped us through gifts of their time, experience and money and by donations of books, memorabilia, furnishings, historical records, art subjects and periodicals. Additional and equal appreciation goes to the Chairmen and to all the active members of our standing committees, to the Town of Lenox, to our Librarian and to our staff which performed with its usual competence whether or not the illness of the latter during parts of the year permitted her active direction.

JOHN H. P. GOULD,
President

REPORT OF RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

*Honorable Board of Selectmen
Lenox, Massachusetts*

Gentlemen:

At the first meeting of the new Recreation Committee this year W. Churchill Richards was re-elected chairman.

A St. Patrick's Day Dance was held and refreshments donated by Mr. Samuel Schwartz and Mr. W. Hewitt Clifford were served.

W. E. Williams blacktopped a 100 ft. by 50 ft. area in the back of the Center and the first block dance was held May 30, with about 300 attending. Dances were held every other week for the next several months.

Four softball teams were formed and played twice a week throughout the summer.

Swimming Classes were again carried on in connection with the Red Cross Program. Approximately 150 children attended.

New shades were installed throughout the Center. Open House was held September 27th with bowling, ping-pong, pool offered to all and a teen-age dance was well attended in the upstairs ballroom.

Dancing classes and art classes were again sponsored this year. The Ladies Bridge Club meets every week and also the Cub Scouts and Brownies. The Little League had 250 at their dinner and the Holy Family League dinner was attended by 205. The Boy Scouts held their re-organization meeting at the Center.

The Junior Class is sponsoring movies every Saturday night. The Kiwanis is setting up a wood-working class in the basement of the center.

Mr. Edward Barry was appointed to help Mr. Bosworth on the busy nights at the Center.

The kitchen was remodeled. A new sink and counter top were installed.

Thursday night was set aside for the use of the girls only.

Bowling teams were formed and again there are numerous leagues in action.

The skating rink was flooded and to date there has been an attendance of 500.

A shuffle board was installed downstairs and is now available to the public.

The total attendance for the Community Center this year was 7000.

We hope to start several new programs this year for the Children. We would also like to repaint the Ladies Room and Lounge and the Card Room.

The members of the committee would appreciate any suggestions for the improvement of the program or premises.

Respectfully submitted,

W. CHURCHILL RICHARDS,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town of Lenox Regional School District Planning Committee was appointed by the Town Moderator during the summer of 1955 for the purpose of studying the advisability of establishing a regional school district, its organization, operation, and control; and of constructing and operating a school to serve the district.

Shortly after its appointment the Committee organized as indicated below.

As stated in the Committee's report of last year, the Lenox Committee met with similar committees of Stockbridge and West Stockbridge, and formed a three (3) town board. This Board organized and started studying the possibility of a regional high school.

On May 23, 1956, the Town of Lee Regional Study Committee requested admission, for the purpose of forming a four (4) town board. The Town of Lee Committee was admitted and a four (4) town board was formed, and organized on the above mentioned date, with Mr. C. J. Kettler, of Stockbridge as Chairman and Mr. Arthur Dioli, of West Stockbridge, as Secretary-Treasurer. Meetings were held by-weekly in the various towns.

A tentative agreement was completed, but has not had final approval of the Regional Board at this time. The Board at its last meeting voted that a regional high school was feasible.

The study of the Board was based on a nine hundred (900) pupil, four (4) year high school, at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000.

The proposed agreement includes, among other things, the following:

The Regional District School Committee shall consist of eleven members, four from Lee, three from Lenox, and two each from Stockbridge and West Stockbridge.

The approximate capital net cost to Lenox would be \$550,000 with a \$75,000 yearly operational cost.

The teachers in the High School would all be retained and would retain their tenure.

The capital costs would be apportioned according to the equalized valuation of 1945, as set up by the State Department of Education.

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| Lee | \$5,734,825 | 33% | of Capital Outlay |
| Stockbridge | \$5,088,589 | 29.2% | of Capital Outlay |
| Lenox | \$4,999,940 | 28.7% | of Capital Outlay |
| West Stockbridge | \$1,579,183 | 9.1% | of Capital Outlay |

The operational cost would be apportioned on the basis of pupil enrollments from the various towns.

The transportation for the Regional District High School would be paid for as operational expense, but the Regional District would be reimbursed 100% by the State.

If the vote of a majority of the Regional Board is in favor of the agreement, it will be sent to the State Department of Education for approval, after which it will be put to a vote in each of the member towns at a regular or special Town Meeting, within 30 days after submission to the Selectmen.

If one or more towns fail to approve by a majority vote, the entire plan is killed and Town Meeting action will be required to authorize the Regional Committee to proceed with a second proposal.

Final action on the above mentioned agreement will be taken by the Regional Board soon after the various annual Town Meetings.

The Committee wishes to thank all those who have helped in any way to make its assignment less burdensome.

JOSEPH B. REYNOLDS, *Chairman*
DAVID T. DANA, JR., *Secretary-Treasurer*
WILLIAM D. ROCHE

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Following is my report for the year 1956.

Sealed the following:

30 Gasoline Metering Systems

1 Kerosene

Scales:

15 Weight

4 Spring

5 Computing

1 Platform

2 Adjusted

Condemned: One

Collected: \$52.50

Yours respectfully,

WALTER M. COAKLEY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

A total of 276 permits were issued and inspections made. Of this total 89 were granted the two Electric Light Companies that serve Lenox, Lenox Dale and New Lenox for installations of new meters and service, 58 for new buildings, 54 alterations and 70 permits granted to licensed electricians for new oil and gas burners. Annual inspections were made in Nursing Homes and Boarding Homes as required by the State.

I wish to thank the electrical contractors and the few home owners who installed their own wiring for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. STANLEY,
Inspector of Wiring

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

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| Dogs Licensed | |
| Male | 188 |
| Female | 26 |
| Spayed | 111 |
| Kennel | 7 |
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| Total | 332 |

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| Complaints answered | |
| Nuisance | 74 |
| Lost | 64 |
| S.P.C.A. | 8 |
| Dr. Collins | 6 |
| Other complaints | 52 |

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. FUORE,

Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year of 1956 there were removed 30 dead and dangerous trees plus 9 condemned with Dutch Elm Disease.

There were many dead and dangerous limbs removed along the Main Streets.

In the Spring we sprayed 860 Elm trees with 12% DDT for Elm bark beetle.

The latter part of June the 2nd spray we covered 849 trees with 6% DDT for Elm leaf beetle.

We removed low limbs and dead wood and trees on Old Stockbridge Road for a distance of 800 ft.

We fertilized 5 trees on Main Street.

All Elm wood and brush was burned according to State Laws.

Partial cost of some of these trees was paid for by New England Telephone Company and the Southern Berkshire Power and Light Company.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. FLYNN,

Tree Warden

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Lenox:

During the year 1956 the usual care of the Town cemeteries was performed. The hedges and evergreens were pruned, the lawns were mowed and the leaves were raked and removed. Several stones which were leaning due to frost action were straightened and where needed the foundations were repaired. Any graves which had sunk were raised and reseeded. At the Cemetery on the Hill the drive was treated with blacktop on the south side for a distance of about 500 feet, with a turnout being constructed near the Koussevitzky plot. This was a much needed improvement as in places this road was very rough.

Two trees which showed signs of disease were removed by the Tree Warden. The money for these improvements was taken from the income from the Perpetual Care Funds, with the approval of the Trust Fund Commissioners.

It is the intention of the Cemetery Commission to blacktop the remaining portion of the road, which is on the north side of the cemetery, in 1957, and will result in having the entire drive at the Cemetery on the Hill in excellent condition. Thirteen graves were opened in 1956 and three lots were sold for a total of \$633.00. This money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

For several years the Cemetery Commission has asked the Town for an appropriation of \$3000.00. This was considerably less than was needed for the care of the cemeteries, but the deficit was met by the income from the Trust Funds for the use of the cemeteries. Under a 1956 ruling of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, in the future none of the income from these funds can be expended for labor in the cemeteries. As labor is by far the largest item in the cemetery budget, it will be necessary to ask for a larger appropriation in 1957 if the Town cemeteries are to be maintained at their present level.

Respectfully,

JAMES D. CAMERON
HERBERT F. HURST
JAMES H. PELTON

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF LENOX ACADEMY ASSOCIATION

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Lenox, Massachusetts.*

Gentlemen:

The Lenox Academy Building has been maintained throughout the year with only minor repairs necessary.

A Flag pole and a sign listing the various organizations occupying the Building, were erected on the lawn in front.

As the Building should be painted this year, the Committee respectfully requests the amount of \$1,500.00 for this expense and the usual maintenance and upkeep.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. HUGHES, *Chairman*
EDWARD J. ROCHE, *Clerk*
DAVID T. DANA, JR.
WILLIAM F. DUNN
ADELBERT I. NEWTON

REPORT OF LENOX CIVIC ASSOCIATION

*Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Lenox, Massachusetts*

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following report on the Albert Clifford Club for the year 1956.

As in previous years several loads of sand were delivered by the town trucks and leveled off by a large group of Kiwanis workers along with a general clean-up job.

We again had the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch and the life guard was John Ster, who again did an exceptionally fine job.

Besides the usual Red Cross program which was extended from town funds we again had a large group of Girl Scouts in a day camp for two weeks.

A much needed new float was constructed early in the season.

We leased a suitable piece of land to the Lenox Kiwanis Club on which is now being built a cabin for the use of local youth organizations.

The attendance was heavy the early part of the season but tapered off due to a rather cool summer. We did not however experience any polio trouble.

Any constructive criticism will be welcomed by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HEWITT CLIFFORD, *Chairman*
STEVENSON TOWLE, *Secretary-Treasurer*
JAMES WOODGER
FORREST JUDKINS
HELEN FILLIO

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

*To the Board of Selectmen:
Lenox, Massachusetts*

Gentlemen:

Because of the disaster at Shadowbrook this past year our Ground Observer Corps activities, that were so diligently and effectively performed by the members of the Society of Jesus at Shadowbrook, came to an abrupt end. We would be remiss in failing to acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to the Jesuits for carrying out this extremely important task in such a tireless and devoted manner. As a result of their efforts, few communities in the entire country could match the record of performance they achieved as a GOC unit.

Fortunately for Lenox, Father Raymond Borcino and the Novices at Our Lady of Mercy Seminary have agreed to take over the task of furnishing the personnel for our local Ground Observer Corps. Such devotion to our protection should inspire our lay citizens to greater efforts for the organizational work of Civil Defense.

During the past year the Town has been able to obtain at half price, through the Federal CDA Matching Funds Program, portable radio equipment and a resuscitator that will be of great value to our Fire and Rescue Services, both for training and operational activities.

It is hoped that in the future we may be able to qualify for other benefits available through Civil Defense, but in order to do so we will need more cooperation in the form of assistance from our fellow townsmen to make Civil Defense a live and potent force dedicated to the welfare of our community. Our activity rating by the CDA of Massachusetts will determine if we are to become eligible for some very fine equipment available under the Surplus Property Program, so by helping Civil Defense you help yourself as well as your town.

Fire Chief Oscar Hutchinson and his fine organization has been the backbone of our Civil Defense Organization and his assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. GARDNER,
Director

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Lenox:

We submit the following report of the Sewer Commissioners for the year 1956:

The Town voted to have the North Lenox Sewer Committee make a further study and report on the Sewage system in that area. We refer you to their report, and we express our appreciation to the members of that Committee for a job well done. We believe this Committee should be continued until such time as the project is undertaken.

Appropriation was made last year to Recondition Filter Bed No. 2. Due to the press of other operations, this work has been deferred to 1957, when we will request the District Sanitary Engineer to approve the method of performance.

Some work requires to be done on surface drainage and storm sewers, but this program will have to depend on the availability of man power after the maintenance and cleaning of sewers has been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH HENRY BARNES

CHARLES F. HOUSE

DAVID H. MACKEY

Sewer Commissioners

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STORAGE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Committee met with the Superintendent of Streets, the Superintendent of the Water Department, and the Chief of the Fire Department, who all told of space needed for equipment and supplies.

The Committee feels that all these needs can be best provided for by building a garage for the Public Works Equipment and the Water Department's truck and equipment and supplies, and including needed space for Fire Department at the rear and side of the present Fire Department Building, with entrances from Courthouse Hill Road at the rear of the Town Hall for Public Works and Water Departments. This would centralize all Town equipment and supplies.

A parking lot has been constructed by the Public Works Department at the rear of the Town Hall.

The Committee suggests that an Architect be employed and recommends an appropriation of \$1000, and that plans be presented at a future Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. FIELDING

GEORGE E. LAGARCE

HAROLD FELTON

H. J. KLIPP

O. R. HUTCHINSON

JOSEPH N. WALSH, *Secretary*

REPORT OF NORTH LENOX SEWAGE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

The North Lenox Sewer Committee, authorized at the last annual Town Meeting, has been continued during the past year. The Committee has concentrated its efforts in three principal areas:

- I. To continue the study of the sewage conditions in the North Lenox business area.
- II. To develop a suitable sewerage system plan for the North Lenox business area.
- III. To study the various methods of financing a central sewerage system.

I. Present Sewage Conditions

The need for some form of central sewerage disposal system in the North Lenox area is best emphasized by the most recent communication from the State Department of Public Health. A letter from Mr. Francis H. Kingsbury is reproduced below:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33

December 17, 1956

Mr. F. H. Judkins, Chairman
North Lenox Sewer Committee
New Lenox Road
Lenox, Massachusetts

Re: LENOX—Sewage Works
for North Lenox

Dear Sir:

The Department of Public Health is in receipt of your letter dated November 27, 1956, in regard to the proposed sewerage system and treatment works to serve the North Lenox business area.

The Department has advised you and the Town of Lenox on numerous occasions in the past, the latest letter being dated January 10, 1956, which contained the results of a sanitary survey made by an engineer of this office of the sewage disposal facilities in the general vicinity of the Pittsfield-Lenox boundary on Route 7 and Route 20. The results of this survey show that there are numerous installations which are discharging improperly treated sewage to the brooks in this area. Individual sewage disposal systems are not considered satisfactory in this area due to the poor soil conditions.

The most practical solution of the sewage disposal problems is a sewerage system and a sewage treatment plant in this general area to serve all of the houses and business establishments. The discharge of improperly treated sewage onto the surface of the ground or into small brooks in the area is considered a public health hazard. The discharge of improperly treated sewage to any tributary of the Housatonic River is in violation of Section 5 of Chapter III of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1945.

The Department is of the opinion that sewage and other liquid wastes from this area should be collected in a system of sewers and conveyed to a central location for treatment prior to discharge to a receiving water course.

Regarding the sewage disposal problem at the Howard Johnson Restaurant just over the city line in the City of Pittsfield, the Department is of the opinion that the Howard Johnson Restaurant and other houses in this area in the City of Pittsfield that are having trouble with sewage disposal facilities could be included in the sewer district. While there are no other sewer districts in the State which include land in two municipalities there is a water district which does serve areas in two towns and this can be considered a precedent for setting up a sewer district serving two towns. When the sewer district is set up it is necessary to define the boundaries of the sewer district and, if the sewer district includes the area of the City of Pittsfield where Howard Johnson Restaurant is located, action could be taken by the Pittsfield Board of Health to make the Howard Johnson Restaurant connect to the sewer when it becomes available.

Respectfully,

FRANCIS H. KINGSBURY

Francis H. Kingsbury
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Environmental Sanitation

C Tri-Town Health

Department, Lee

It is the opinion of the Committee that prompt action should be taken to provide a central sewage system for the North Lenox business area.

II. The Centralized System

Early in the year, the Committee instigated a program to obtain a new engineering proposal for a sewer and sewage treatment plant to serve the North Lenox business area. The Sewer Commissioners made available to the Committee \$400 remaining from an earlier appropriation (1955) for a North Lenox sewer survey. The engineering firm of Whitman and Howard was awarded the contract to prepare a sewage disposal plan that would more economically and satisfactorily meet the needs of the area than the earlier report of Bogert Associates (1955). The Committee requested Whitman and Howard to give consideration to the following items in their proposal:

- A. the most economical sewerage system,
- B. better location for the sewage disposal works,
- C. sewerage system for the business area but adequate to handle expansion in other areas of North Lenox,
- D. utilization of a package disposal system.

The Whitman and Howard engineering proposal is attached to this report.

The Committee is of the opinion that the Whitman & Howard proposal provides the best and most economical solution to the sewage problems in the North Lenox business zone. In addition this sewerage proposal offers the opportunity for expansion in the North Lenox area as may be needed in the future.

The Committee asked the engineers a series of questions. These questions and answers are also attached to this report.

III. Sewer System Financing

There are several ways in which a sewerage system may be financed. The Committee has been studying the methods described below:

- A. Town financed sewer, i.e., general taxation,
- B. combination private and Town financed sewer,
- C. sewer assessments,
- D. a sewer district.

Independent of which method is selected for financing a sewer, there may be available from the Federal Government, as authorized by Public Law No. 660, a sum of money equal to 30% of the *sewage treatment* costs, which in the case of the Whitman & Howard proposal would be \$38,160. The Committee has prepared an application for this amount of money and has submitted it to the Town Sewer Commissioners to be transmitted to State and Federal authorities if and when a sewer installation has been authorized by the Town.

A. Town financed sewer (general taxation).

If the Town were to finance the sewer system through a sewer bond issue to be paid back *by taxation*, the *entire* cost of the system would have to be carried by the *entire* town. Except through increased real estate evaluations in the areas benefited by the sewer installation, the abutters under this method of financing would pay no more for the installation of the sewer than all the other taxpayers of the Town. This method of financing has been employed on the earlier sewer installations in the Town.

B. Combination private and Town financed sewer

It is possible for the business establishments in the North Lenox business zone to contribute a sum of money to the Town as a share of the sewer system costs. For example, one-half of the sewer costs, \$95,400, could be raised privately and contributed to the Town, to be matched with money appropriated by the Town meeting and from the Federal Government.

In this case, no work can be undertaken and no commitments can be made by the Town for a sewerage system until the business establishments to be served actually contributed such an amount in cash to the Town.

On the assumption that the business area people would contribute one-half the costs of the sewer, then the Town would raise \$57,240 by some appropriate means. The remaining amount may be available from the Federal Government to make up the total cost of \$190,800.

C. Sewage Assessments

The third method of financing a sewer would be to employ a Municipal Betterment Act. If the Town were to adopt a betterment act, sewer assessments could be made against the abutters to cover the cost of the sewerage system in whole or in part. Such assessments have to be established on a uniform basis so that all abutting property owners contribute the same pro rata share of the sewer cost. Such assessments would by law apply to businesses and residences alike. Usually, this assessment is based upon water usage.

D. Sewer District

By special act of the legislature, and with the approval of the taxpayers within the boundaries of the area involved, it is possible to establish a sewer district. A sewer district, "a body politic," would have authority equal to that of a town government. That is to say, the district would have the authority to authorize sewer construction, to take land by eminent domain, to borrow money, and to assess sewer taxes with the same authority, rights, and privileges as the town within the sewer district.

In this case, a sewer district could be formed which would include the business zone in North Lenox and also the area in the City of Pittsfield which requires a sewage disposal system. This sewer district would elect its own sewer commissioners and would finance its own installation, completely independent of the Town. There would be no cost to the Town, and the entire cost of the sewer system would be absorbed by the abutters.

The Committee is still studying the various methods for financing a sewer in the North Lenox business area. It has presented this progress report to indicate what areas are now being investigated. The Committee requests that it be continued for another year and, if so continued, will prepare a firm recommendation as soon as such investigation is completed. We will welcome any comments or ideas from interested individuals or Town representatives.

In closing, the Committee wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town Committees for their help and cooperation.

Signed: THE NORTH LENOX SEWER COMMITTEE

NORTON M. CASE
 EARL R. CLARK
 WALTER E. DAVERIN
 HAROLD E. HUMPHREY, *Clerk*
 WALTER A. HUTCHINSON
 FORREST H. JUDKINS, *Chairman*
 DAVID H. MACKEY
 CHARLES G. STANLEY
 ROBERT LaRIVIERE
 HERMAN W. REINKE

LETTER FROM WHITMAN & HOWARD

October 26, 1956

Mr. F. H. Judkins, *Chairman*
North End Lenox Sewerage Committee
Lenox, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Judkins:

We are pleased to submit the following report relative to the disposal of sanitary wastes from the north end of Lenox, Mass., more particularly the area along the Pittsfield Road (U. S. Routes 7 and 20) for a distance of about 4,000 feet south of the Pittsfield city line. This report includes two plans entitled "Proposed Sewerage System" and "Plan of Proposed Sewage Treatment Plant."

Existing Conditions

It is our understanding that for many years now the sanitary conditions along the Pittsfield Road at the north end of Lenox have left much to be desired. These problem conditions have been chiefly connected with commercial enterprises, such as restaurants having large amounts of sanitary wastes. The soil in this area is not suitable to absorb these wastes which, therefore, come to the surface of the ground or are discharged into small streams with septic conditions ensuing. No sanitary sewers exist in this area, although there are a few street drains emptying into nearby watercourses. The need for a sanitary sewerage system is obvious, but it is equally obvious that, because of high costs, any new system that is planned should be designed to care for the immediate pressing needs only, yet, if possible, act as the backbone for an eventually more comprehensive system.

We should not overlook, however, the good fortune that the north end area of Lenox, involved with the waste disposal problem has a good stream available to receive primary treated wastes in the Housatonic River. Our investigation of this area also revealed an excellent site location for a treatment plant which will be described later.

Proposed Sewerage System

With the above thoughts in mind we, therefore, propose that a sewerage system be constructed on the following basic principles:

1. The system be a separate system and drain sanitary wastes only (no storm water).
2. The sewer system be constructed in such a manner as to eliminate pumping stations, if at all possible, for economic reasons, as well as to reduce maintenance and operation problems.
3. That a sewage treatment plant be constructed to provide primary treatment and be located generally in the vicinity of the Housatonic River, reasonably remote from habitation.
4. Every effort should be made to have the treatment plant flow by gravity and be located in such a manner that future developments in the area could flow to and through the plant by gravity.

Reference to the two enclosed plans will show a sewerage system, as outlined and recommended above. This plan is based on the latest accepted modern concepts of sewage disposal and will, in our opinion, be the most economical approach to the problem. This plan may be greatly expanded should the need arise, yet includes at this time only facilities to handle problem waste discharges or concentrated housing areas in the nearby vicinity.

The proposed site of the sewage treatment plant as shown is approximately one-half mile from the nearest dwelling house. This site, at present, is a wooded strip of land lying between a transmission power line right-of-way to the west, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to the east, and a swampy area to the south approximately one-half mile south of New Lenox Road.

Sanitary Sewers

In general, the sanitary sewer system has been developed as a gravity system throughout. All sewers will be 8-inch in size, except for possible special sections which detailed planning may develop. The exact location of the sewer along the Yokun Brook is also subject to detailed planning; however, our examination in the field indicates that this is, in general, the proper location for the sewer. All sewer mains will be pitched to provide self-cleaning velocities and manholes will be spaced not over 300 feet apart, except on long straight sections of the sewer across fields where the spacing may be as much as 400 feet.

Sewage Treatment Plant

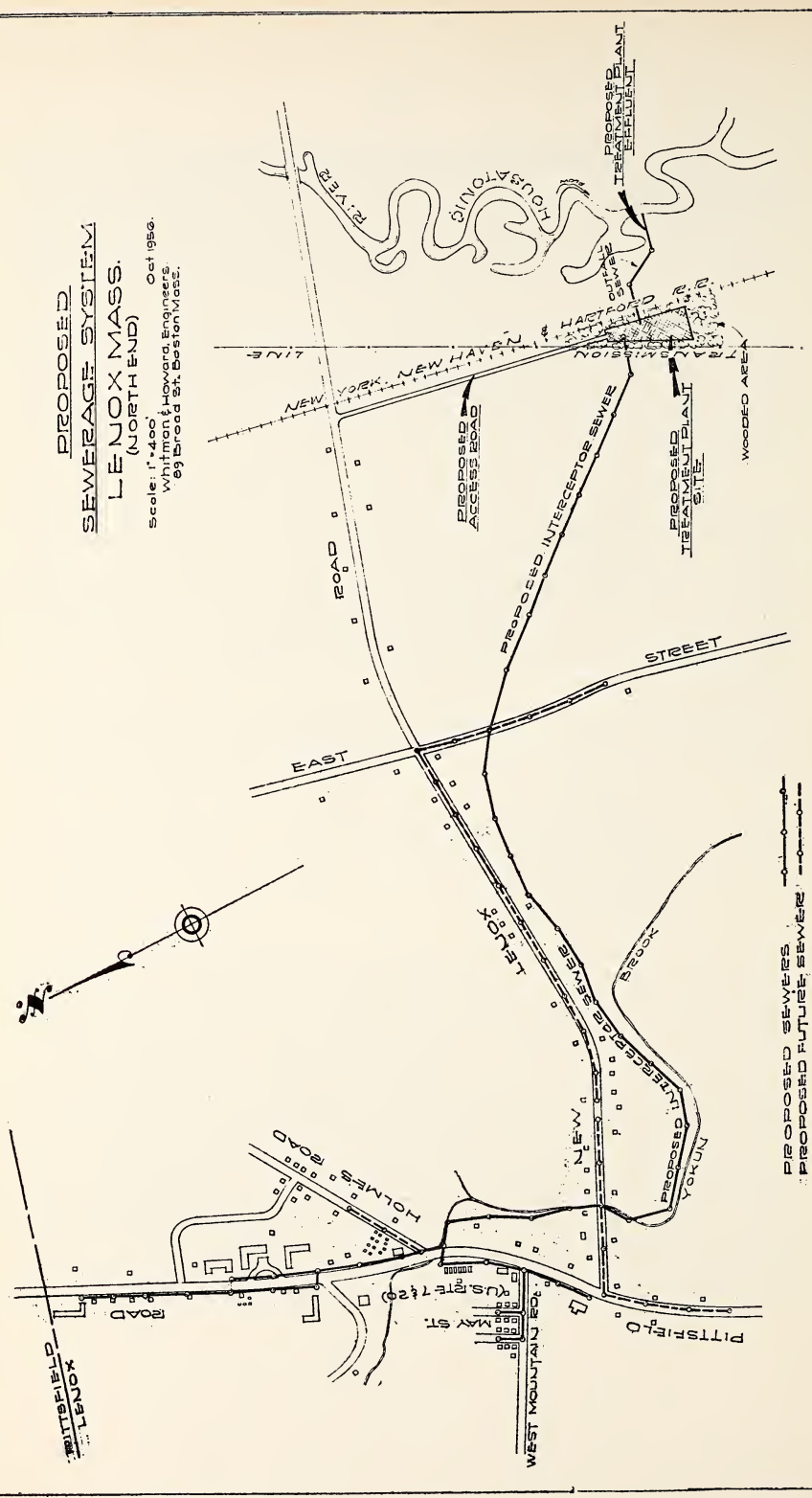
In accordance with our previous recommendations, we propose that the sewage treatment plant be a primary treatment plant and consist of the following units:

1. Grit Trap.
2. Bar Screen and Comminutor
3. Primary Clarifier
4. Sludge Digestion Tank
5. Sludge Drying Beds
6. Control Building

The plant site, as previously described, is of sufficient size for future plant expansion if conditions warrant. This site should be developed in such a manner that the natural existing foliage be retained, thus removing the plant from sight completely. Although modern treatment plants are not objectionable to view, nevertheless we recognize the psychological reaction in viewing such installations.

Normally, all sanitary sewage will first pass through a grit trap where possible grit will be settled out before passing through mechanical equipment. Next, the sewage will pass through a comminutor where all solids, wood, rags, etc., will be cut up as an aid in settling and sludge digestion. After comminution, the sewage will pass through a circular concrete sedimentation tank about 18 feet in diameter and 7 feet deep, called a primary clarifier. In the clarifier all settleable solids will be removed from the sewage. From the clarifier the settled sewage will flow over a V notched weir for flow recording and through an outfall pipe line to the Housatonic River.

PROPOSED
SEWERAGE SYSTEM
LENOX MASS.
(NORTH END)
 Scale: 1"=400' Oct 1956.
 Whitman & Howard, Engineers,
 89 Broad St. Boston Mass.



PROPOSED SEWERS
 PROPOSED FUTURE SEWER

HOUSATONIC RIVER FLOW

EFFLUENT

NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN

HARTFORD RAILROAD

PROPOSED SLUDGE
DRYING BEDS

TO
NEW LONDON, ACCESS

ROAD

PROPOSED
BAR SCREEN &
COMMINUTOR

FUTURE
CLARIFIER

PROPOSED
DIGESTER

PROPOSED
CLARIFIER

PROPOSED
CONTROL
BUILDING

FUTURE
DIGESTER
(TWO STAGE)

FUTURE
SLUDGE DRYING
BEDS

GRIT TRAP

PROPOSED
GRAVITY SEWER

TRANSMISSION LINE

PROPOSED
PLAN OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
LENOX, MASS.
(NORTH END)

No Scale

Oct. 1956.

Whitman & Howard Engineers
89 Broad St. Boston, Mass.

Sludge, which is settled out in the clarifier, will be pumped by an automatically operated sludge pump to the sludge digester. The sludge digester will be a concrete tank about 18 feet in diameter and 16 feet deep. Here sludge will be concentrated and stored for digestion before being discharged on sand beds for drying.

A small concrete block building will house the sludge pump and the electrical control at the treatment plant. This will be about 10 feet by 16 feet in size. There will also be furnished three open type sludge drying beds, approximately 15 feet by 45 feet each.

Costs

The following costs are based on current day prices and the letting of jobs by normal bidding procedures:

Proposed Sewer Mains

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| 8-inch Sewer Pipe | \$ 70,000 |
| Manholes with Frames and Covers | 18,000 |
| Bituminous Resurfacing | 2,900 |
| Highway Crossing | 7,500 |
| Special Excavation, Ledge, Etc. | 2,100 |

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| Total Construction Cost | \$100,500 |
| Engineering, legal, contingencies, etc. | 20,100 |

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| TOTAL | \$120,600 |
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Treatment Plant Costs

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Clarifier | \$ 11,800 |
| Bar Screen and Comminutor | 5,000 |
| Digester | 4,700 |
| Sludge Drying Beds | 4,000 |
| Outside Piping | 13,000 |
| Access Road and Grading | 2,500 |
| Electric Power | 2,500 |
| Control Building, Pump and Electrical | 15,000 |

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| Total Construction Cost | \$ 58,500 |
| Engineering, legal, contingencies, etc. | 11,700 |

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| TOTAL | \$ 70,200 |
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Project Costs

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| Sewer Mains | \$120,600 |
| Treatment Plant | 70,200 |

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| TOTAL | \$190,800 |
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Project Costs Applicable for Reimbursement by Federal Funds

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| Estimated Interceptor and Outfall Sewer | \$ 57,000 |
| Treatment Plant | 70,200 |
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| TOTAL | \$127,200 |

Estimated Maximum Federal Funds Available — 30% of \$127,200 = \$38,160

Summary

We have conferred with the State Department of Public Health in the preparation of this report to be sure that it will conform to the programs of pollution abatement in this State.

We believe the proposed sewerage system, as outlined above, is the proper answer to the sanitary problems existing in the North Lenox area. The extent of the sewer system can, of course, be varied to meet any particular need arising. The type of treatment proposed is, we believe, the most economical for the service to be rendered. The proposed treatment plant is not a so-called "package" type of treatment plant, although we have considered these in making our recommendations.

Before proceeding with the construction of this proposed project, we would recommend that the Town make application to the State Department of Public Health for a possible Federal grant for construction made available under Public Law 660 (84th Congress). Application for funds must be initiated through the State Department of Public Health and approved by the U. S. Public Health Service. These funds are available for the construction of treatment plants, interceptor sewers, and outfall sewers to the extent of 30 per cent of their costs or \$250,000, whichever is less.

Thank you for the opportunity of submitting this report. If there are any further questions, do not hesitate to call us.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITMAN & HOWARD, INC.
By Robert T. Janes

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. We are planning on setting up a schedule of assessments for the business areas to be served by the new sewer. Will you kindly supply us with a tabulation of estimated water usage by each of the businesses to be served including, if possible, the Howard Johnson Restaurant?

We are enclosing a separate tabulation of estimated sewage flows from the businesses served by the proposed sewerage systems outlined in our previous report. This list is, of course, for estimating only and, although there may be individual variations, we feel the total will be reasonable for treatment plant designs.

2. The sewer line must be connectible to the Howard Johnson Restaurant. We noticed that according to the actual layout drawing that the sewer stops short of this establishment. Is it your proposal that Howard Johnson pay to bring the sewer line over the town line and connect into the end of the sewer?

The proposed sewer system is intended to be capable of servicing Howard Johnson's Restaurant and has been included in the Estimated Sewage Flows. Since this restaurant is over the town line, we did not extend the sewer to service the restaurant, but expect that an arrangement could be made during construction. Actually, the town could build the sewer and charge the cost to the restaurant or the restaurant could build the sewer themselves.

3. Can you outline for us in general terms what additional areas in North Lenox can be served as future extensions of this sewer plan without the addition of pumping stations? For example, on Holmes Road, East Street, New Lenox Road, Main Highway, etc..

The proposed sewer system, outlined in our report, can be extended considerably without requiring pumping stations, as follows:

All of New Lenox Road, between East Street and Pittsfield Road, can be served as shown by the dashed line on our report plan. New Lenox Road, between East Street and the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad, can be sewerred with the addition of an interceptor sewer in the vicinity of the proposed treatment plant access road.

Pittsfield Road, south of New Lenox Road, can be sewerred for a distance of about 2,700 feet (about 900 feet is shown on the plan in dashed lines). East Street can be sewerred for a distance of about 1,400 feet south of New Lenox Road and about 500 feet north of New Lenox Road.

Holmes Road can be sewerred for a distance of about 600 feet from Pittsfield Road, as shown on our report plan. With the addition of a 1,400 foot interceptor sewer, not shown on the plan, the Holmes Road sewer could be extended about 2,000 feet instead of 600 feet.

4. Please give us a rough idea of how much the old Bogert Plan would cost with today's prices. We assume that costs have gone up 10 or 15%.

We estimate that since January, 1955 to date prices have increased about 12% for this type of work. The Bogert Report estimated the cost of the sewer system with treatment plant at the Housatonic River to be \$185,000 in January, 1955. Today these costs should be considered as follows:

Original Construction Cost, \$185,000 plus 12% = \$207,000.

If we were to consider the value of operating a small pumping station (which was included in the Bogert Report) continuously, and estimating this cost to be about \$700 a year as a minimum, the present value of this annual cost at 3% would be about \$23,000.

The true cost of the Bogert Report would, therefore, be the present construction cost, plus the present value of operating a pumping station forever, or \$207,000 plus \$23,000 = \$230,000.

5. How close can the sewer be brought to New Lenox Road as it proceeds easterly toward East Street?

The proposed interceptor sewer which is shown on our plan as running approximately parallel to New Lenox Road could be brought along East Street to its intersection with New Lenox Road and thence along New Lenox Road itself for about 1,100 feet and would then have to be brought back to the location now shown on the plan.

Our original layout had this interceptor sewer in a portion of New Lenox Road. However, since the town cannot be reimbursed by Federal funds for lateral collection sewers, but can be reimbursed for interceptor sewers, we felt that the value received by the small number of homes served would not be great enough to jeopardize the possible reimbursement for the entire interceptor sewer.

6. Where can we look at a similar and preferably duplicate sewer treatment plant installation?

In regard to inspecting treatment plants, such as we have proposed to you, we would suggest that you examine the plants at Middleboro, Mass.; North Attleboro, Mass.; Gardner, Mass.; or Franklin, Mass.. All of these plants are larger in size than the plant we proposed in our report; however, these plants all have units similar to the units which would be incorporated in your plant design.

7. We noticed that you have not recommended a "package" type treatment plant for North Lenox. Although the question is not of great significance, we are curious as to why.

The type of treatment generally referred to as "package type" involves more intricate mechanical equipment and greater supervision. We are of

the opinion that this type of treatment would not be applicable for your community. The type of treatment proposed in our report is more dependable and requires less supervision than the so-called "package type".

8. We feel that there are a number of positive benefits gained by using this proposed layout as compared to the earlier Bogert Plan. However, the Bogert Plan did provide for sewerage along a part of New Lenox Road. Will you kindly give us an idea of the cost of a sewer capable of handling New Lenox Road from the top of the hill eastward to the Four Corners and East Street, and also the cost of a sewer line running from the top of the hill westerly to Yokun Brook, and from the Main Highway to Yokun Brook along New Lenox Road. Very rough figures are all that is required for these estimates. We would appreciate any ideas you may have of the benefit of one plan over the other.

The cost of sewers in New Lenox Road is as follows:

An 8-inch sewer running from the top of the hill to the corner of East Street and thence along East Street to the interceptor sewer, a distance of about 3,300 feet, would cost approximately \$23,000.

An 8-inch sewer running from the top of the hill westerly to Yokun Brook, a distance of about 600 feet, would cost approximately \$4,500.

An 8-inch sewer running from Yokun Brook westerly to the highway, about 600 feet, would cost approximately \$4,500.

9. If you are familiar with the Federal Law permitting some Federal Government help for our project, will the fact that we propose to assess 50% of the cost of the sewer directly to the abutters (in the business zone) affect our obtaining Federal funds?

In regard to the Federal aid for the construction of sewerage works, we would say the method by which you finance the project will have no effect upon obtaining Federal aid. However, it should be noted that the granting of aid will undoubtedly be based on the relative need of the various communities applying.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

*Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Lenox, Massachusetts*

Gentlemen:

The Commissioners of Trust Funds of the Town of Lenox respectfully submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The Commissioners held several meetings during the year. There were no new developments in the Community Center Trust.

On July 2 the Commissioners met with Mr. George Ripley, Assistant Trust Officer of the Berkshire Trust Co. following correspondence by Mr. Ripley and Mrs. E. Kennedy with

- (a) Mr. Francis Appleton regarding the Inter Viro Trust created by Mr. Lanier for the Lanier Plot in the Church-on-the-Hill Cemetery and with
- (b) Mr. Shaw regarding the Shaw Trust for the Shaw Plot in the Church-on-the-Hill Cemetery.

Both these gentlemen agreed that the above trusts should be turned over from the Berkshire Trust Co. to the Commissioners of Trust Funds of the Town of Lenox.

Your Commissioners are happy to report that all the necessary papers are now in order for both trusts to pass into the hands of the Commissioners..

A financial statement is included in the Town Accountant's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HEWITT CLIFFORD, *Chairman*
ELSIE PARSONS KENNEDY, *Clerk*
GEORGE T. HALPIN
Trust Fund Commissioners

REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Insurance Committee revised the form attached to policies insuring buildings and contents under the schedule for the Town of Lenox, and the new form has been approved by The New England Fire Insurance Rating Association.

Fire, Theft and Collision policies expiring in 1957 are to be insured in a Fleet policy in order to effect a saving in premiums.

A distribution of insurance expiring during the year 1956 and covering Town buildings and contents under the schedule was effected.

The estimated cost of insurance during the year 1957 has been given to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The Insurance Committee again recommends that the Extended Coverage Endorsement No. 4 and Vandalism and Malicious Mischief endorsement be attached to existing policies. Present coverage is for perils of fire and lightning only.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. MOLE,
Chairman

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

Boston, January 23, 1957

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lenox, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the books and accounts of the Town of Lenox were audited by the Bureau of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, as of September 22, 1956, at which time they were found to be correct with all funds properly accounted for.

The report will include the following notation: "IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE TREASURER TAKE PROMPT ACTION IN INSTITUTING FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS ON ALL TAX TITLES HELD OVER TWO YEARS, AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 50, CHAPTER 60, GENERAL LAWS."

A detailed report of the audit will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith present my report of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS J. BRODERICK,
Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS
GENERAL REVENUE

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1956 | | \$273,946.54 |
| Taxes: | | |
| Current Year: | | |
| Poll | \$ 1,742.00 | |
| Personal | 43,075.15 | |
| Real | 268,040.59 | |
| | ----- | 312,857.74 |
| Previous Years: | | |
| Poll | \$ 72.00 | |
| Personal | 776.49 | |
| Real | 11,437.02 | |
| | ----- | 12,285.51 |
| Trailer Court Fees | \$780.00 | |
| | ----- | 780.00 |
| From State: | | |
| Income | \$12,334.87 | |
| Corporation, Business | 18,721.89 | |
| Meal Tax | 1,258.72 | |
| Loss of Taxes | 326.58 | |
| School Construction | 2,322.38 | |
| High School Transportation | 8,152.95 | |
| School Aid Chapter 70 | 23,800.00 | |
| Vocational Education | 745.25 | |
| | ----- | 67,662.64 |

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| Licenses: | | |
| Liquor | \$7,671.00 | |
| All Other | 642.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 8,313.00 |
| Fines | \$663.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 663.00 |
| Road Machinery Fund | \$42.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 42.00 |
| Grants and Gifts: | | |
| From Federal Government: | | |
| Old Age Assistance | \$19,669.96 | |
| | <hr/> | 19,669.96 |
| Aid Dependent Children: | | |
| Assistance | \$3,520.90 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,520.90 |
| Disability Assistance | \$933.93 | |
| | <hr/> | 933.93 |
| Smith-Hughes and George Barden Account | \$405.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 405.00 |

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

FROM COUNTY:

| | | |
|--------------|----------|--------|
| Dog Licenses | \$682.11 | |
| | <hr/> | 682.11 |

PRIVILEGES:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Current Year | \$42,155.18 | |
| Previous Years | 5,232.69 | |
| | <hr/> | 47,387.87 |

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Treasurer: | | |
| Withholding Tax | \$28,031.15 | |
| Retirement Deductions | 4,857.01 | |
| Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions | 3,914.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 36,802.66 |

Tax Collector:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|--------|
| Demands, Costs, Etc. | \$107.80 | |
| | <hr/> | 107.80 |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Town Clerk: | | |
| Dog Licenses | \$746.60 | |
| | ----- | 746.60 |
| Town Hall: | | |
| Rents | \$2,621.00 | |
| Telephone Booths | 22.68 | |
| | ----- | 2,643.68 |
| Post War Rehabilitation Fund | \$25,226.55 | |
| | ----- | 25,226.55 |
| Protection Persons and Property: | | |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fees | \$52.50 | |
| | ----- | 52.50 |
| Veterans' Benefits | \$647.97 | |
| | ----- | 647.97 |
| School: | | |
| Gymnasium Rent | \$259.25 | |
| Gym and Lenox Dale Janitor Service | 100.50 | |
| | ----- | 359.75 |
| School Lunch | \$7,500.52 | |
| School Athletic Association | 1,338.00 | |
| | ----- | 8,838.52 |
| PUBLIC WELFARE: | | |
| Temporary Support | \$ 2,874.61 | |
| Disability Assistance | 1,970.13 | |
| A.D. Children | 2,279.97 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 24,716.10 | |
| | ----- | 31,840.81 |
| CEMETERIES: | | |
| Sale of Lots | \$290.00 | |
| Opening Graves | 493.00 | |
| | ----- | 783.00 |

INTEREST:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| On Deferred Taxes | \$ 714.06 | |
| Cemetery Funds (Gen. Care) | 1,862.67 | |
| Deposits | 386.32 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,963.05 |

REFUNDS:

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|
| Old Age Assistance | \$166.65 | |
| Disability Assistance | 35.53 | |
| General Relief | 34.10 | |
| Tax Collector's Bond | 95.80 | |
| | <hr/> | 332.08 |

WATER DEPARTMENT:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Water Rates | \$38,635.44 | |
| Service Charges | 2,879.29 | |
| | <hr/> | 41,514.73 |

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|---|------------|----------|
| Turnure Trust Rent and Bowling Receipts | \$1,329.92 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,329.92 |

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|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Parking Signs | \$ 4.50 | |
| Cancel M. V. Regist. | 1.50 | |
| Income Shaw Trust | 82.00 | |
| Leonard H. Peters Gift | 100.00 | |
| Water Bids Deposits | 1,010.00 | |
| Vocational Tuition | 30.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,228.00 |

HIGHWAYS:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| For Outlays: | | |
| Joint Construction State | \$11,025.71 | |
| Joint Construction County | 5,910.90 | |
| | <hr/> | 16,936.61 |

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|----------------|--|--------------------|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | <hr/> \$921,504.43 |
|----------------|--|--------------------|

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:

Salaries:

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Chairman | \$ 840.00 | |
| Clerk | 472.50 | |
| Other Member | 472.50 | |
| Secretary | 1,470.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,255.00 |

Expenses:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Travel Expense (Chairman) | \$150.00 | |
| Printing, Postage, Office Expenses | 499.27 | |
| | <hr/> | 649.27 |

AUDITING:

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Salary | \$2,625.00 | |
| Printing and Office Expenses | 338.33 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,963.33 |

TREASURER:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Salary | \$2,625.00 | |
| Printing, Postage and Office Expenses | 378.45 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,003.45 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

| | | |
|------|---------|-------|
| Dues | \$15.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 15.00 |

PLANNING BOARD:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Travel Expense | \$100.00 | |
| Services numbering Houses | 125.00 | |
| Printing, Postage and Office Expenses | 343.57 | |
| | <hr/> | 568.57 |

TOWN CLERK:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Salary | \$1,575.00 | |
| Printing, Postage and Office Expenses | 396.94 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,971.94 |

TAX COLLECTOR:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Salary | \$3,150.00 | |
| Printing, Postage and Office Expenses | 398.99 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,548.99 |

LAW DEPARTMENT:

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Salary—Town Counsel | \$472.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 472.50 |

ASSESSORS:

| | | |
|---|------------|----------|
| Salaries | \$2,415.00 | |
| Printing, Postage, Photostat Copies, Auto Hire and Office Expenses | 800.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,215.00 |

MODERATOR:

| | | |
|--------|---------|-------|
| Salary | \$60.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 60.00 |

Modernization of Town Clerk's Vault, Construction
of Vault in Basement, Relocating the Cell Block,
Survey and Plans for Town Equipment

| | |
|------------|----------|
| \$3,133.47 | |
| <hr/> | 3,133.47 |

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Registrars | \$525.00 | |
| Election Officers | 750.00 | |
| Census | 275.00 | |
| Printing, Postage and Office Expenses | 887.48 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,437.48 |

TOWN HALL:

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Salary—Caretaker | \$3,486.00 | |
| Salary—Relief Caretaker | 1,394.40 | |
| Relief Caretaker Extra | 294.99 | |
| Fuel, light and water | 3,885.39 | |
| Hall License | 25.00 | |
| Repairs and Equipment | 957.41 | |
| Supplies | 280.36 | |
| | <hr/> | 10,323.55 |

TELEPHONE ACCOUNT:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|--------|
| Service Charge | \$743.30 | |
| | <hr/> | 743.30 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Chief's Salary | \$ 210.00 | |
| Officers' Salaries | 7,328.70 | |
| Relief Officer | 1,165.50 | |
| Special Officers | 1,697.91 | |
| Flood Lights | 189.00 | |
| Use of Cars | 296.00 | |
| Equipment and Supplies | 426.16 | |
| | <hr/> | 11,313.27 |

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

| | | |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| Salary | \$236.25 | |
| Use of Auto | 18.00 | |
| Equipment | 5.61 | |
| | <hr/> | 259.86 |

OTHER PROTECTION PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Salary—Dog Officer | \$262.50 | |
| Use of Auto | 87.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 350.00 |

WIRE INSPECTOR:

| | | |
|----------|----------|--------|
| Salary | \$315.00 | |
| Expenses | 150.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 465.00 |

CIVIL DEFENSE:

| | | |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| Rescue Equipment | \$247.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 247.50 |

FORESTRY:

| | | |
|--|------------|----------|
| Labor, Trucks, Clipper, Power Saw and Spraying | \$3,493.24 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,493.24 |

DUTCH ELM CONTROL:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Labor, Truck, Spraying, Power Saw and Skyworker | \$2,476.36 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,476.36 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|----------|
| Salaries and Wages: | | |
| Fire Chief | \$1,155.00 | |
| Caretaker | 3,486.00 | |
| Relief Caretaker | 1,394.40 | |
| Relief Caretaker Extra | 335.06 | |
| Caretaker, Lenox Dale | 144.38 | |
| Foreman Lenox Dale | 105.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 6,619.84 |

Expenses:

| | | |
|---|------------|----------|
| Hydrant Service-Water-Lenox, Lenox Dale | \$3,098.80 | |
| Repairs, Equipment and Supplies | 1,904.15 | |
| Fuel and Light | 202.89 | |
| Telephone | 290.18 | |
| Radio Communication Equipment | 876.11 | |
| | <hr/> | 6,372.13 |

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| Salaries: | | |
| Board of Health | \$551.25 | |
| Agent | 75.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 626.25 |

Expenses:

| | | |
|--------------|----------|--------|
| Travel Agent | \$ 50.00 | |
| All Other | 156.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 206.50 |

VITAL STATISTICS:

| | | |
|--------|---------|--------|
| Births | \$99.00 | |
| Deaths | 72.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 171.00 |

INSPECTION:

| | | |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Dental Clinics | \$96.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 96.00 |

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Hospitalization, Clinics, etc. | \$532.83 | |
| | <hr/> | 532.83 |

ANIMALS:

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Salary of Inspector | \$166.67 | |
| | <hr/> | 166.67 |

MEAT:

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Salary of Inspector | \$275.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 275.00 |

MILK AND DIARIES:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Salary of Inspector | \$1,792.32 | |
| Travel and Laboratory Expense | 318.98 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,111.30 |

OTHER EXPENSES:

| | | |
|--------------|------------|----------|
| Care of Dump | \$1,316.86 | |
| All Other | 148.75 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,465.61 |

SANITATION:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Sewers and Pumps: | | |
| Labor | \$7,001.80 | |
| Trucks | 302.00 | |
| Electric Power and Light | 2,860.11 | |
| Repairs, Equipment and Supplies | 2,232.69 | |
| | <hr/> | 12,396.60 |

BRUNELL AVENUE SEWER:

| | |
|----------|--------|
| \$930.00 | |
| <hr/> | 930.00 |

SEWER SURVEY:

| | |
|----------|--------|
| \$396.72 | |
| <hr/> | 396.72 |

HIGHWAYS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|
| Salary of Superintendent | \$4,410.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,410.00 |

GENERAL HIGHWAYS:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$6,003.03 | |
| Stone, Gravel, Bergraco, Tar, etc. | 6,859.51 | |
| Equipment and Repairs | 7,373.93 | |
| Engineering Services | 774.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 21,010.47 |

SIDEWALKS AND MAINTENANCE:

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|----------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$1,680.40 | |
| Materials, etc. | 445.65 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,126.05 |

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$5,043.76 | |
| Trucks | 1,383.00 | |
| Salt, Sand and Gravel | 2,258.45 | |
| Equipment, Repairs and Supplies | 2,614.13 | |
| | <hr/> | 11,299.34 |

LIGHTING:

| | | |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Contracts | \$12,947.23 | |
| | <hr/> | 12,947.23 |

Lasher Lane, Golden Hill Road,
and Jennifer Street, Street Lights

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| \$102.00 | |
| <hr/> | 102.00 |

Crystal Street, Street Lights

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| \$510.00 | |
| <hr/> | 510.00 |

MAIN STREET SIDEWALK:

| | | |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Labor | \$201.60 | |
| Asphalt | 96.58 | |
| | <hr/> | 298.18 |

CLIFFWOOD STREET SIDEWALK:

| | | |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Labor | \$126.00 | |
| Steamix | 462.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 588.50 |

ELM STREET SIDEWALK, LENOX DALE

| | | |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Labor | \$375.90 | |
| Asphalt | 310.39 | |
| | <hr/> | 686.29 |

EAST NEW LENOX ROAD:

| | | |
|-------|----------|--------|
| Labor | \$207.90 | |
| | <hr/> | 207.90 |

HOUSATONIC STREET:

| | | |
|----------|----------|--------|
| Labor | \$126.00 | |
| Emulsion | 325.80 | |
| | <hr/> | 451.80 |

LOWER HOUSATONIC STREET:

| | | |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Asphalt | \$682.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 682.50 |

CLIFFWOOD STREET:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Labor | \$1,642.20 | |
| Gravel, Tar, Culverts, etc. | 7,237.11 | |
| Engineering Services | 165.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 9,044.31 |

FRANKLIN STREET:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Resurfacing | \$986.00 | |
| Labor | 589.40 | |
| Granite | 164.02 | |
| Steamix | 950.00 | |
| Engineering Services | 94.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,783.42 |

WEST MT. ROAD:

| | | |
|----------|----------|--------|
| Culverts | \$259.19 | |
| | <hr/> | 259.19 |

PLUNKETT STREET:

| | | |
|----------|----------|--------|
| Culverts | \$232.71 | |
| | <hr/> | 232.71 |

GREENWOOD STREET:

| | | |
|-------|---------|-------|
| Labor | \$88.20 | |
| | <hr/> | 88.20 |

KNEELAND AVE:

| | | |
|-------|----------|--------|
| Labor | \$126.00 | |
| | ----- | 126.00 |

HIGH STREET:

| | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$ 298.20 | |
| Gravel | 1,333.79 | |
| Culverts | 149.30 | |
| | ----- | 1,781.29 |

CRYSTAL STREET, LENOX DALE:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Labor | \$1,008.00 | |
| Gravel, Stone, Sand, Emulsion, etc. | 3,806.13 | |
| | ----- | 4,814.13 |

ELM STREET, LENOX DALE:

| | | |
|---------|----------|----------|
| Labor | \$472.50 | |
| Asphalt | 976.50 | |
| | ----- | 1,449.00 |

STOCKBRIDGE ROAD:

| | | |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$ 802.20 | |
| Gravel | 1,771.85 | |
| | ----- | 2,574.05 |

NEW LENOX ROAD BRIDGE:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$ 616.20 | |
| Lumber, bricks and supplies | 1,667.29 | |
| | ----- | 2,283.49 |

MACHINERY:

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Repairs and Equipment | \$2,444.73 | |
| | ----- | \$2,444.73 |

SURVEY OF ROADS:

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|----------|
| Engineering Services | \$1,000.00 | |
| | ----- | 1,000.00 |

PICK UP TRUCK, ROAD SIDE MOWER
ATTACHMENT, DIESEL OPERATED TRACTOR
AND LOADING BUCKET:

| | | |
|-----------|----------|--------|
| Equipment | \$168.97 | |
| | ----- | 168.97 |

TWO-TON DUMP TRUCK, SNOW PLOW FOR
THE DUMP TRUCK:

| | | |
|-----------|------------|----------|
| Equipment | \$4,428.92 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,428.92 |

STREET SIGNS:

| | | |
|---------|---------|-------|
| Expense | \$96.99 | |
| | <hr/> | 96.99 |

CHAPTER 90 EAST STREET:

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Advertising | \$ 2.55 | |
| Posts, Blocks, Pipe | 465.00 | |
| Contract | 18,157.86 | |
| | <hr/> | 18,625.41 |

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$ 441.00 | |
| Trucks | 82.00 | |
| Stone, Tar, Steamix and Blacktop | 1,873.09 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,396.09 |

WATER DEPARTMENT:

| | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Maintenance and Operation Labor | \$ 9,222.41 | |
| Other Costs of Maintenance and Operation | 8,540.47 | |
| New Equipment | 1,251.79 | |
| New Extensions | 526.54 | |
| Salary of Clerk | 3,570.00 | |
| Office Supplies and Expenses | 570.62 | |
| Incidental Expenses | 212.50 | |
| Salary of Superintendent | 1,680.00 | |
| Debt Interest | 3,353.00 | |
| Debt Retirement | 11,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 39,927.33 |

WEST STREET PUMPING STATION:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Land Purchase | \$ 800.00 | |
| Contracts | 5,352.74 | |
| Engineering Services | 1,073.90 | |
| Architect | 224.00 | |
| Equipment, Supplies, etc. | 2,579.86 | |
| | <hr/> | 10,030.50 |

EAST STREET WATER MAIN NORTH SECTION:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Contracts | \$9,927.73 | |
| Engineering Services | 1,300.00 | |
| Labor | 2,478.40 | |
| Pipe | 15,972.96 | |
| Hydrants, Tees, Valves | 2,056.20 | |
| | <hr/> | 31,735.29 |

EAST STREET WATER MAIN SOUTH SECTION:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Contracts | \$6,248.92 | |
| Engineering Services | 1,312.91 | |
| Labor | 828.74 | |
| Pipe | 8,277.56 | |
| Hydrants, Tees, Valves | 2,266.41 | |
| | <hr/> | 18,934.54 |

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLANNING COMMITTEE EXPENSE:

| | |
|---------|---------|
| \$50.00 | |
| <hr/> | \$50.00 |

SCHOOLS

ADMINISTRATION:

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Superintendent's Salary | \$7,100.00 | |
| Superintendent's Travel | 200.00 | |
| Secretary's Salary | 2,450.00 | |
| Telephone | 266.43 | |
| Office Expense | 683.53 | |
| Committee Expense | 354.43 | |
| | <hr/> | 11,054.39 |

INSTRUCTIONAL:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Teachers' Salaries | \$115,572.49 | |
| Substitute Teachers' Salaries | 630.00 | |
| Supervisors' Travel | 150.00 | |
| Textbooks | 2,673.19 | |
| Supplies | 4,487.55 | |
| Tuition | 110.40 | |
| Band Supplies | 210.16 | |
| Rinehart Writing | 450.00 | |
| Nature Course | 215.63 | |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 1,196.38 | |
| Evening Classes, Salaries | 210.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 125,905.80 |

OPERATIONAL:

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Janitors' Salaries | \$13,462.13 | |
| Janitors' Salaries Extra | 330.75 | |
| Janitors' Supplies | 1,012.69 | |
| Fuel | 7,454.00 | |
| Electricity | 1,473.40 | |
| Water | 253.40 | |
| Gas | 152.36 | |
| Cartage | 192.13 | |
| | <hr/> | 24,330.86 |

MAINTENANCE:

| | |
|------------|----------|
| \$4,721.24 | |
| <hr/> | 4,721.24 |

OUTLAY:

| | |
|------------|----------|
| \$6,913.20 | |
| <hr/> | 6,913.20 |

AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Nurse's Salary | \$ 2,880.00 | |
| Doctor's Salary | 625.00 | |
| Transportation | 14,863.14 | |
| Band Transportation | 68.50 | |
| Census | 75.00 | |
| Cafeteria | 780.50 | |
| Athletics | 243.76 | |
| | <hr/> | 19,535.90 |

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Board of Public Welfare | \$150.00 | |
| Central Berkshire Welfare District | 990.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,140.00 |

OUTSIDE RELIEF BY TOWN:

| | | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Provisions | \$ 259.25 | |
| Medical, Hospitalization, Board and Care | 821.16 | |
| To Other Cities and Towns | 3,275.98 | |
| Cash Grants | 2,029.24 | |
| | <hr/> | 6,385.63 |

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

By Town:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cash Grants | \$36,953.56 | |
| To Other Cities and Towns | 1,074.69 | |
| | <hr/> | 38,028.25 |

By Federal Grant:

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Assistance | | |
| Cash Grants | \$18,897.12 | |
| | <hr/> | 18,897.12 |

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

By Town:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|----------|
| Cash Grants | \$3,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,000.00 |

By Federal Grant:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|----------|
| Cash Grants | \$2,784.78 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,784.78 |

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:

By Town:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|----------|
| Cash Grants | \$3,535.53 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,535.53 |

By Federal Grant:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|----------|
| Cash Grants | \$1,126.62 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,126.62 |

VETERANS' SERVICE:

| | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Salary | \$250.00 | |
| Travel | 50.00 | |
| Aid | 616.00 | |
| Medical | 610.76 | |
| Fuel, Provisions | 213.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,739.76 |

VISITING NURSE:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Salary of Nurse | 1,400.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,400.00 |

TOWN CEMETERIES

SALARIES AND WAGES:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Superintendent | \$ 500.00 | |
| Labor | 3,160.80 | |
| Equipment, Supplies and Repairs | 407.60 | |
| Plants | 12.00 | |
| Paving Road | 800.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,880.40 |

CLIFFORD PARK:

| | | |
|---|------------|----------|
| Guards, Equipment, Repairs and Supplies | \$1,500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,500.00 |

TOWN PARKS:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|----------|
| Labor | \$1,006.60 | |
| Equipment and Supplies | 470.62 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,477.22 |

MAINTENANCE OF TURNURE TRUST

REAL ESTATE:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Labor | \$2,815.30 | |
| Fuel and Light | 2,335.97 | |
| Inspection | 20.00 | |
| Equipment, Repairs and Supplies | 1,757.98 | |
| | <hr/> | 6,929.25 |

RECREATION PROGRAM TURNURE TRUST

REAL ESTATE:

| | | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Construction of Tennis Court | \$ 936.00 | |
| Instruction, Supplies, Equipment, Buses | 2,332.73 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,268.73 |

ASPINWALL PROPERTY:

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| \$12,000.00 | |
| <hr/> | 12,000.00 |

RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

| | |
|------------|----------|
| \$5,681.22 | |
| <hr/> | 5,681.22 |

MEMORIAL DAY:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Band, Taxi, Flags, Refreshments | \$542.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 542.00 |

TOWN CLOCK:

| | | |
|---------|---------|-------|
| Winding | \$75.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 75.00 |

AMERICAN LEGION:

| | | |
|------|----------|--------|
| Rent | \$342.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 342.50 |

POLL TAX REFUND:

| | | |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Firemen | \$186.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 186.00 |

PRINTING AND POSTAGE:

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Printing | \$955.35 | |
| Envelopes, Postage, Addressing Envelopes | 325.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,280.35 |

LENOX ACADEMY:

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Fuel and Light | \$619.39 | |
| Caretaker | 240.00 | |
| Inspection | 10.00 | |
| Repairs, Supplies, etc. | 244.02 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,113.41 |

INSURANCE AND BONDS:

| | | |
|--|------------|----------|
| Insurance: | | |
| Workmen's Compensation, Town Properties, Autos | \$7,511.90 | |
| Firemen's Insurance | 231.25 | |
| | <hr/> | 7,743.15 |
| Bonds: | | |
| Treasurer, Collector, Town Clerk, Deputy Collector | \$460.80 | |
| | <hr/> | 460.80 |

STABILIZATION FUND:

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| \$15,000.00 | |
| <hr/> | 15,000.00 |

REFUNDS

TAXES:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Poll-Personal-Real Estate | \$ 721.20 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 1,667.85 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,389.05 |

PUBLIC LIBRARY

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| DOG TAX REFUND: | \$682.11 | |
| | <hr/> | 682.11 |

SMITH HUGHES AND GEORGE BARDEN
ACCOUNT:

| | |
|----------|--------|
| \$514.50 | |
| <hr/> | 514.50 |

SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Umpires, Referees, Caretakers, Police | \$489.25 | |
| Equipment and Supplies | 810.67 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,299.92 |

SCHOOL LUNCH:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Wages | \$2,367.00 | |
| Provisions, Milk and Equipment | 4,453.69 | |
| | <hr/> | 6,820.69 |

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS AND INTEREST

GENERAL LOANS:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| High School Addition Loan | \$5,000.00 | |
| Sewage Disposal Plant Loan | 1,000.00 | |
| Schermerhorn Parkway Sewer Loan | 2,000.00 | |
| Water Mains Loan—Holmes Road | 1,000.00 | |
| Interest on Loans | 1,270.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 10,270.00 |

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

AGENCY:

| | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Withholding Tax | \$28,031.15 | |
| Retirement Deductions | 4,857.01 | |
| Blue Cross and Blue Shield Deductions | 3,899.25 | |
| Dog Licenses | 746.60 | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | 41.60 | |
| Estimated Receipts | 100.00 | |
| State Parks and Reservations | 960.47 | |
| County Tax | 23,833.08 | |
| Shaw Trust | 82.00 | |
| Leonard H. Peters Gift | 100.00 | |
| Agency | 322.69 | |
| Water Bids and Specifications Deposits | 1,010.00 | |
| Mosquito Control | 1,321.47 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 65,305.32 |
| Total Payments | | \$718,188.05 |
| Cash on Hand December 31, 1956 | | 203,316.38 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$921,504.43 |

POST WAR REHABILITATION INVESTMENT

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Investment Fund Cash and Securities December 31, 1955 | | \$40,857.48 |
| Added: | | |
| Interest on Investment | \$472.42 | 472.42 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$41,329.90 |
| Less: | | |
| Alterations to Vault and Survey | | |
| Storage of Town Equipment | | |
| Article 47, Town Meeting 2-25-55 | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Continue laying of Water Mains | | |
| East St., toward Walker St. | | |
| Article 15, Town Meeting 2-24-56 | 20,226.55 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 25,226.55 |
| Balance December 31, 1956 | | <hr/> |
| | | \$16,103.35 |

STABILIZATION FUND

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance December 31, 1955 | | \$31,063.55 |
| Added: | | |
| Deposit Authority Article 24 | | |
| Town Meeting 2-24-56 | \$15,000.00 | |
| Interest | 1,201.93 | |
| | <hr/> | 16,201.93 |
| Balance December 31, 1956 | | \$47,265.48 |

GEORGE E. TURNURE TRUST FUND

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Balance December 31, 1955 | \$7,002.90 |
| Interest | 211.63 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance December 31, 1956 | \$7,214.53 |

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

| | | |
|---|----------|-------------|
| Trust Funds Cash and Securities January 1, 1956 | | \$53,424.69 |
| Added: | | |
| Income on Trust Fund | \$ 50.00 | |
| Interest Perpetual Care Funds | 1,397.06 | |
| Interest Reserve Fund | 189.46 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,636.52 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$55,061.21 |
| Deducted: | | |
| Cemetery Expenditures 1956 | | 1,894.67 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance January 1, 1957 | | \$53,166.54 |

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

| Purpose | Rate | How Payable | When Payable | Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956 | Maturing 1957 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Water Loan | 2% | Annually | Dec. 15 | \$119,000.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| High School Addition Loan | 2% | Annually | Aug. 1 | 50,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Sewage Disposal Plant Loan | 2% | Annually | Aug. 1 | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan | 1¾% | Annually | June 1 | 13,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Schermerhorn Parkway Sewer Loan | 2% | Annually | June 1 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan Pittsfield Road | 2% | Annually | June 1 | 11,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan Holmes Road | 2% | Annually | June 1 | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan Pittsfield Road | 2.10% | Annually | Sept. 1 | 16,000.00 | 2,000.00 |

TOWN DEBT ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Net Funded or Fixed Debt, December 31, 1956 | \$215,000.00 | |
| Water Loan | | \$119,000.00 |
| High School Addition Loan | | 50,000.00 |
| Sewage Disposal Plant Loan | | 2,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan | | 13,000.00 |
| Schermerhorn Parkway Sewer Loan | | 2,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan Pittsfield Road | | 11,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan Holmes Road | | 2,000.00 |
| Water Mains Loan Pittsfield Road | | 16,000.00 |
| | \$215,000.00 | \$215,000.00 |

APPROPRIATIONS—EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES—DECEMBER 31, 1956

| Account | Balances | | | Transfer To | Transfer From | Available For Use | Expended | Balances |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|
| | Appropriations | Refunds and Additions | | | | | | |
| Selectmen | \$ 4,155.00 | | | | | 4,155.00 | \$3,904.27 | \$ 250.73 |
| Accountant | 2,925.00 | | | | | 2,925.00 | 2,963.33 | 1.67 |
| Treasurer | 3,025.00 | | | | | 3,025.00 | 3,003.45 | 21.55 |
| Town Clerk | 1,975.00 | | | | | 1,975.00 | 1,971.94 | 3.06 |
| Modernization of Town Clerk's Vault, Construction of Vault in Basement, Relocating the Cell Block, Survey and Plans for Town Equipment | | \$5,000.00 | | | | | | |
| Finance Committee Expense | 100.00 | | | | | | 3,133.47 | 1,866.53 |
| Planning Board | 650.00 | | | | | 100.00 | 15.00 | 85.00 |
| Tax Collector | 3,550.00 | | | | | 650.00 | 568.57 | 81.43 |
| Assessors | 3,215.00 | | | | | 3,550.00 | 3,548.99 | 1.01 |
| Law Department | 472.50 | | | | | 3,215.00 | 3,215.00 | 0 |
| Town Hall | 10,850.00 | | | | | 472.50 | 472.50 | 0 |
| Moderator | 60.00 | | | | | 10,850.00 | 10,323.55 | 526.45 |
| Election and Registration | 2,800.00 | | | | | 60.00 | 60.00 | 0 |
| Police Department | 11,460.00 | | | | | 2,800.00 | 2,437.48 | 362.52 |
| Fire Department | 12,740.00 | | | | | 11,460.00 | 11,313.27 | 146.73 |
| Scaler of Weights and Measures | 260.00 | | | 266.00 | | 13,006.00 | 12,991.97 | 14.03 |
| Forestry and Spraying | 3,500.00 | | | | | 260.00 | 259.86 | .14 |
| Insect Pest Control | 200.00 | | | | | 3,500.00 | 3,493.24 | 6.76 |
| Other Protection Persons and Property | 350.00 | | | | | 200.00 | 0 | 200.00 |
| Wire Inspector | 465.00 | | | | | 350.00 | 350.00 | 0 |
| Civil Defense | 250.00 | | | | | 465.00 | 465.00 | 0 |
| Board of Appeals | 50.00 | | | | | 559.32 | 247.50 | 311.82 |
| Dutch Elm Control | 2,500.00 | 309.32 | | | | 50.00 | 0 | 50.00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 99.99 | | | | | 2,500.00 | 2,476.36 | 23.64 |
| Health | 4,800.00 | | | | | 99.99 | 0 | 99.99 |
| Sewers | 12,400.00 | | | | | 5,652.00 | 5,651.16 | .84 |
| Filter Bed No. 2 | 8,000.00 | | | 852.00 | | 12,400.00 | 12,396.60 | 3.40 |
| Brunell Avenue Sewer | 930.00 | | | | | 8,000.00 | 0 | 8,000.00 |
| Sewer Easements | | 136.05 | | | | 930.00 | 930.00 | 0 |
| Visiting Nurse | 1,400.00 | | | | | 136.05 | 0 | 136.05 |
| | | | | | | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 0 |

APPROPRIATIONS—EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES—DECEMBER 31, 1956

| <i>Account</i> | <i>Appropriations</i> | <i>Balances Refunds and Additions</i> | <i>Transfer From</i> | <i>Transfer To</i> | <i>Available For Use</i> | <i>Expended</i> | <i>Balances</i> |
|--|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sewage System Survey on the Pittsfield-Lenox Road | \$4,410.00 | \$ 400.00 | | | \$ 400.00 | \$ 396.72 | \$ 3.28 |
| Superintendent of Streets | 20,000.00 | | | \$1,500.00 | 4,410.00 | 4,410.00 | 0 |
| Highways | 2,300.00 | | | | 21,500.00 | 21,010.47 | 489.53 |
| Sidewalks | | | | | 2,300.00 | 2,126.05 | 173.95 |
| Main Street Sidewalk | | | | 300.00 | 300.00 | 298.18 | 1.82 |
| Cliffwood Street Sidewalk | | | | 600.00 | 600.00 | 588.50 | 11.50 |
| Elm Street Lenox Dale, Sidewalk | | | | 800.00 | 800.00 | 686.29 | 113.71 |
| Snow Roads | 9,800.00 | | | | 11,300.00 | 11,299.34 | .66 |
| Street Lights | 13,500.00 | | | 1,500.00 | 13,500.00 | 12,947.23 | 552.77 |
| Lasher Lane, Golden Hill Road, and Jennifer Street Lights | 120.00 | | | | 120.00 | 102.00 | 18.00 |
| Crystal St. Lenox Dale, Street Lights | 510.00 | | | | 510.00 | 510.00 | 0 |
| Chapter 90 East Street | | 1,662.30 | | | 1,662.30 | 0 | 1,662.30 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 800.00 | | | 1,600.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,396.09 | 3.91 |
| Chapter 90 East Street | 5,250.00 | | | 15,750.00 | 21,000.00 | 18,625.41 | 2,374.59 |
| Chapter 90 West Street | 2,500.00 | | | | 2,500.00 | 0 | 2,500.00 |
| East New Lenox Road | | 213.81 | | | 213.81 | 207.90 | 5.91 |
| Housatonic Street | | 461.74 | | | 461.74 | 451.80 | 9.94 |
| Lower Housatonic Street | | 702.57 | | | 702.57 | 682.50 | 20.07 |
| Cliffwood Street | | 626.72 | | | 9,426.72 | 9,044.31 | 382.41 |
| Franklin Street | | | | 8,800.00 | 3,300.00 | 2,783.42 | 516.58 |
| West Mountain Road | | 274.06 | | | 274.06 | 259.19 | 14.87 |
| Plunkett Street | | 313.57 | | | 313.57 | 232.71 | 80.86 |
| Greenwood Street | | 94.99 | | | 94.99 | 88.20 | 6.79 |
| Kneeland Avenue | | 128.16 | | | 128.16 | 126.00 | 2.16 |
| High Street | | | | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 | 1,781.29 | 18.71 |
| Crystal Street, Lenox Dale | | | | 6,200.00 | 6,200.00 | 4,814.13 | 1,385.87 |
| Elm Street, Lenox Dale | | | | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 | 1,449.00 | 151.00 |
| Stockbridge Road | | | | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 | 2,574.05 | 225.95 |
| New Lenox Road Bridge | | | | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 | 2,283.49 | 516.51 |
| Survey Private Ways | 1,000.00 | | | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0 |
| Machinery | 2,500.00 | | | | 2,500.00 | 2,444.73 | 55.27 |
| Road Side Mower Attachment | | | | | | | |
| Loading Bucket, Diesel Operated Tractor and Pick Up Truck | | 600.81 | | | 600.81 | 108.97 | 431.84 |

Two-Ton Dump Truck, Snow Plow for the

| | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Dump Truck | 109.29 | 5,000.00 | 4,428.92 | 571.08 |
| Street Signs | | 109.29 | 96.99 | 12.30 |
| Regional School District Planning Committee Expense | 250.00 | | | |
| Schools | | 250.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 |
| Welfare Administration | | 192,466.29 | 192,461.39 | 4.90 |
| Charity | | 1,140.00 | 1,140.00 | 0 |
| Disability Assistance | 34.10 | 8,534.10 | 6,385.63 | 2,148.47 |
| A. D. Children | 35.53 | 3,535.53 | 3,535.53 | 0 |
| O. A. Assistance | | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 0 |
| Veterans' Service | 28.25 | 38,028.25 | 38,028.25 | 0 |
| Holmes Road Water Main | 1,620.29 | 2,450.00 | 1,739.76 | 710.24 |
| Pittsfield Road Water Main | 10,387.27 | 0 | | |
| West Street Pumping Station | | 10,387.27 | 10,030.50 | 356.77 |
| Housatonic Street Water Main | 153.16 | 0 | | |
| East Street Water Main | 1,954.29 | 0 | | |
| East Street Water Main North Section | | 31,943.29 | 31,735.29 | 208.00 |
| East Street Water Main South Section | | 22,000.00 | 18,934.54 | 3,065.46 |
| Water Department | | 42,000.00 | 39,927.33 | 2,072.67 |
| Cemeteries | | 4,880.67 | 4,880.40 | .27 |
| Clifford Park | | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 0 |
| Town Parks | | 1,500.00 | 1,477.22 | 22.78 |
| Maintenance of Turnure Trust Real Estate | | 6,936.17 | 6,929.25 | 6.92 |
| Recreation Program Turnure Trust Real Estate | | 3,270.00 | 3,268.73 | 1.27 |
| Aspinwall Property | | 770.00 | | |
| Retirement System | | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 0 |
| Town Debt and Interest | | 5,681.22 | 5,681.22 | 0 |
| Memorial Day | | 10,270.00 | 10,270.00 | 0 |
| Town Clock | | 542.00 | 542.00 | 0 |
| Firemen's Poll Tax Refund | | 75.00 | 75.00 | 0 |
| Printing and Postage | | 240.00 | 186.00 | 54.00 |
| Telephone Account | | 1,700.00 | 1,280.35 | 419.65 |
| American Legion | | 748.00 | 743.30 | 4.70 |
| Academy | | 350.00 | 342.50 | 7.50 |
| Insurance and Bonds | | 1,125.00 | 1,113.41 | 11.59 |
| Tax Title | | 8,487.65 | 8,203.95 | 283.70 |
| Publish and Print By-Laws | 118.47 | 118.47 | 0 | 118.47 |
| Stabilization Fund | 112.50 | 112.50 | 0 | 112.50 |
| Reserve Fund | | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 0 |
| | 8,706.28 | 1,293.72 | 0 | 1,293.72 |
| | <u>\$22,821.29</u> | <u>\$653,979.01</u> | <u>\$618,367.94</u> | <u>\$35,611.07</u> |
| | \$25,727.25 | \$162,242.39 | \$488,830.66 | \$488,830.66 |

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash on Hand December 31, 1956

Taxes:

Levy of 1956

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Tax Titles

Tax Possessions

State Parks and Reservations

Mosquito Control

Departmental:

General Relief

Aid to Dependent Children

Old Age Assistance

Schools

Cemeteries

\$757.98

160.40

196.58

200.50

75.00

Water Rates and Service Charges

State Aid to Highways

County Aid to Highways

1,390.46

Federal Grants:

Old Age Assistance

Aid Dependent Children

Disability Assistance

\$1,013.46

2,158.66

10.84

3,182.96

County Tax

Blue Cross-Blue Shield

Tax Title Revenue

Tax Possessions Revenue

265.48

15.25

2,090.20

124.18

LIABILITIES

Overlay Reserved for Abatements:

Levy 1955

Levy 1956

\$3,546.92

4,391.55

Overlay Surplus

School Athletic Association

School Lunch

Smith Hughes and George Barden

Account

Turnure Trust Rent and

Bowling Receipts

Water Revenue

State and County Highway Revenue

Road Machinery Fund

Sale Cemeteries Lot Fund

73.50

1,329.92

6,845.34

3,731.60

1,559.75

5,661.40

Revenue Available when Collected:

Motor Vehicle

Departmental

\$6,515.96

1,390.46

7,906.42

Appropriation Reserves:

Modernization of Town Clerk's

Vault, Construction of Vault

in Basement, Relocating the

Cell Block, Survey and Plans

for Town Equipment

Filter Bed No. 2

Chapter 90 East Street

Chapter 90 West Street

Crystal Street, Lenox Dale

Elm Street, Lenox Dale

Stockbridge Road

New Lenox Road Bridge

Sewer Easements

Two-Ton Dump Truck, Snow

Plow for the Dump Truck

Regional School District Plan-

ning Committee Expense

Tax Title Expense

Publish and Print By-Laws

Elm Street Sidewalk, Lenox

Dale

Cliffwood Street

Franklin Street

West Street Pumping Station

East Street Water Main, North

Section

East Street Water Main, South

Section

Surplus Revenue

\$1,866.53

8,000.00

2,374.59

2,500.00

1,385.87

151.00

225.95

516.51

136.05

571.08

200.00

118.47

112.50

113.71

382.41

516.58

356.77

208.00

3,065.46

22,801.48

122,554.09

\$240,582.00

\$240,582.00

LIST OF JURORS

| | NAME | OCCUPATION | ADDRESS |
|----|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Ernest Albert | Salesman | New Lenox Road |
| 2 | George A. Armstrong | Carpenter | Church Street |
| 3 | Ralph Henry Barnes | Salesman | Housatonic Street |
| 4 | George L. Babcock | Estimator | East Street |
| 5 | Raymond R. Carty | Steamfitter | Lenox Dale |
| 6 | Mario J. Cella | Gardener | East Street |
| 7 | Ella I. Clark | Housewife | East Street |
| 8 | John R. Dudley | Salesman | Pittsfield Road |
| 9 | Francis A. DuFresne | Contractor | Sunset Avenue |
| 10 | Dennis J. Duffin | Merchant | West Street |
| 11 | Homer C. Earll | Rep. Whlse Lumber | West Street |
| 12 | Helen Lasher Fillio | Housewife | Lenox Dale |
| 13 | William H. Gregory | Business | St. Ann's Avenue |
| 14 | William F. Gaine | Papermaker | Hawthorne Street |
| 15 | Harry C. Hughes | Banker | Kneeland Avenue |
| 16 | Herbert C. Hurst | Business | St. Ann's Avenue |
| 17 | Ethel G. Humphrey | Housewife | Schermerhorn Park |
| 18 | Franklin T. Hutchinson | Mechanic | East Street |
| 19 | John W. Johnson | Contractor | Church Street |
| 20 | Forrest H. Judkins | G. E. Co. | New Lenox Road |
| 21 | James S. Kirby | Clerk | Hubbard Street |
| 22 | Walter J. Leemhuis | G. E. Co. | New Lenox Road |
| 23 | Edna L. Leonard | Housewife | New Lenox Road |
| 24 | Lebert Malone | Business | Hubbard Street |
| 25 | Anthony J. Mariano | G. E. Co. | Housatonic Street |
| 26 | Charles H. McCarty | Retired | Tucker Street |
| 27 | John W. Novo | Caretaker | Main Street |
| 28 | Gregory R. Prout | Butcher | St. Ann's Avenue |
| 29 | Loretta Pero | Hairdresser | Tucker Street |
| 30 | Walter H. Ramsay, Jr. | G. E. Co. | Yokun Avenue |
| 31 | William D. Roche | Business | Sunset Avenue |
| 32 | Albert C. Roux | Meter Reader | Maple Street |
| 33 | Jules J. Rollet | Carpenter | Lenox Dale |
| 34 | George I. Ryer | G. E. Co. | Kneeland Avenue |
| 35 | Harriet Sinacori | Housewife | Pittsfield Road |
| 36 | Milton Sample | Welder | East Street |
| 37 | Patrick J. Sullivan | Salesman | Lenox Dale |
| 38 | John R. Tormey | Papermaker | Lenox Dale |
| 39 | George P. Walsh | G. E. Co. | Tucker Street |
| 40 | Aline R. Woodger | Housewife | Yokun Avenue |

DRAWN IN 1956

John P. Borden

Bartholomew G. Casey

Charles D. MacLean

Edward F. Mahanna

George H. Martin

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the
Town of Lenox
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 1956

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| David T. Dana, Jr., Chairman | Term expires 1957 |
| Miss Iola Drumm, Secretary | Term expires 1958 |
| James A. Quinn | Term expires 1957 |
| Miss Helan M. Toole | Term expires 1958 |
| Dennis Duffin | Term expires 1959 |
| Philip C. Weissbrod | Term expires 1958 |
| John Novo | Term expires 1959 |

Regular Meeting of Committee alternate Mondays

SUPERINTENDENT

Hiram F. Battey
Norwich University, B.S.
Columbia University, M.A.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Edward R. Messer, M.D., Tel. 70

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Nellie Morrison Tel. 351

No School Signal—Fire Alarm 22

7:30 A. M.—For All Day

11:45 A. M.—One session—Schools close at 1 P. M.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The School Committee has spent considerable time in the past year on two problems that are becoming serious in all school systems; namely, the increasing difficulty of obtaining qualified teachers, and the shortage of classroom space.

The success and the quality of any school system is dependent on good teachers. We might have the best buildings and equipment in the world, but if the teaching is poor the equipment is worthless. Not only are our teachers underpaid in relation to other occupations, but the competition for teachers is becoming very keen. These two conditions and the quality of our school system necessitates a constant study and revaluation of the salary scale.

As you have read in the newspaper, our classrooms are now overcrowded, and new elementary school space is needed for the immediate future. We are watching the developments of the Regional School with interest. Its outcome is an important factor in our planning. Three plans have been proposed:

1. Build immediately an elementary school with six rooms and an all-purpose room. If the Regional idea fails permanently, this building would be planned for expansion to eleven rooms.
2. Join a Regional District and put grades five to eight in the High School building, with modernization of that building.
3. Do nothing and run double sessions in the present buildings.

In addition, considerable repair work should be done at Lenox Dale, and the High School building will have to be modernized. The boiler in the High School has seen forty-seven years' service, and replacement is recommended by the plumber and the boiler inspector. To assist us in our planning we are requesting the services of an architect to provide sketches and to estimate costs. We are also requesting the appointment of a Building Committee.

The School Committee has been especially pleased at the success of the "open house" for parents conducted by the teachers. The interest shown by all concerned is most encouraging and provides better understanding between pupil, teacher, and parent. We hope to have more of them.

The increasing cost of education causes us much concern, but we wish to report that our per pupil cost compares very favorably with other towns in Massa-

chusetts. For 1955 it was \$267. There are thirteen towns in Berkshire County more expensive than Lenox, and this community ranks in the middle on percentage of total taxes being devoted to school support.

We wish to thank all the citizens for their interest in the schools; the other departments of the Town for their cooperation and especially the administration, the teaching staff, and the custodians for their continued devotion to the task at hand.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID T. DANA, JR., Chairman

IOLA DRUMM, Secretary

DENNIS J. DUFFIN

JOHN T. NOVO

JAMES A. QUINN

HELAN MAREE TOOLE

PHILIP C. WEISSBROD

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*Lenox School Committee
Lenox, Massachusetts*

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to submit my twelfth annual report of the Public Schools. I shall discuss some problems which have become increasingly acute since my last report.

I. TEACHERS

Not too many years ago it became apparent that we were soon to face a shortage of teachers. We are now facing it, and before it gets much better it will be worse. The problem has been compounded by small numbers seeking the education field as a profession, competition among schools for teaching services, and greater financial opportunities offered in the business world. So keen is the competition for teachers that Senior class students in our training institutions are being given teaching contracts in October of their Senior year. The eleventh annual report of Northwestern University points out that 1957 college graduates may expect starting salaries from \$4500 to \$5000 in engineering, accounting, selling, and other business fields. Many school systems are expanding their staffs, thus increasing the demand for teaching services. All this is a concrete example of the law of supply and demand. The corollary is that increased cost results, and, generally speaking, the higher salary draws the greater supply. A contemporary Superintendent now paying teachers on a salary schedule ranging to \$9,000 recently said, "If I had a salary schedule from five to fifteen thousand dollars I could get the best teachers."

It has been most encouraging to note the action of your Committee in providing a salary schedule to enhance our position in the competitive recruitment of teachers. I doubt, however, that the condition will become any less serious in the near future, and, depending upon the competition we experience, it may be necessary to take further steps in this direction.

The past year has brought the following changes in our staff—

- Miss Maude Baker, retired
- Mrs. Walter Lahart, employed
- Mrs. Walter Lahart, leave of absence
- Miss Kathryn O'Leary, employed
- Miss Eleanor Murtha, retired
- Miss Elaine DelGallo, employed
- Mrs. John Pignatelli, resigned
- Mrs. Fred Holmes, returned from leave of absence
- Mr. Thomas Regan, resigned
- Mrs. Frederick Turner, Jr., employed

II. FINANCE

This has been and is a big and troublesome question. With increased enrollments and spiralling unit costs the problem is complicated by the restricted source of revenue, namely, real estate taxes. Historically we have assigned public education to the State, but the towns have to provide and pay for the services. There is a recognized need for aid. Should it be State or Federal? If the education of the young is important to the community, State and Nation, why should it not be a triple partnership and supported from three sources?

The answer is confused by the fear of outside control. However, few instances of outside control can be found in the cases of present aid programs. Where it is found it tends to higher standards which are beneficial. The future of the next generation may demand that we use more of our national wealth for education. When the electorate convinces our leaders that education is as important as super-highways the necessary aid will be available.

III. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our public relations continue to be excellent. They are reflected in the morale of the staff; testimony of parents; cooperation of local organizations, particularly the Parent-Teacher Association; and pupil morale. A concrete example was our program of parent-teacher conferences held in November. The parental response, cooperation and enthusiasm was beyond expectation; the teachers likewise valued the conferences highly. We shall continue to provide this public relations feature on a semi-annual basis.

IV. EVENING CLASSES

There has been an increase in evening classes until we are now handling three sewing classes, one typewriting class, and one shorthand class. The sewing classes are aided financially by the State and Federal funds.

The membership is as follows:

| <i>Subject</i> | <i>Number in Class</i> | <i>Instructor</i> |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Sewing | 15 | Mrs. Harold Jost |
| Sewing | 14 | Mrs. Edward Burke |
| Sewing | 16 | Mrs. Edward Burke |
| Typewriting | 20 | Miss Jane Fuller |
| Shorthand | 15 | Miss Jane Fuller |

In addition to the above Miss Fuller is conducting an afternoon class in typewriting for local teachers.

V. HIGH SCHOOL

The past four High School graduating classes have twenty-seven High School graduate members attending the following higher institutions:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Cornell | 1 |
| University of Massachusetts | 2 |
| State Teachers' College | 1 |
| Regis College | 1 |
| Boston Museum School of Art | 1 |
| Norwich University | 1 |
| Indiana Technical College | 1 |
| Green Mountain Junior College | 1 |
| University of Connecticut | 1 |
| Boston College | 1 |
| Springfield College | 1 |
| Bryant College | 1 |
| Western Maryland College | 1 |
| Lady of the Elms College | 2 |
| University of New Hampshire | 1 |
| Stetson University | 1 |
| Southern Seminary Junior College | 1 |
| Peter Bent Brigham Hospital | 1 |
| St. Luke's Hospital | 5 |
| Pittsfield General Hospital | 1 |
| Bishop Memorial Training School | 1 |

Other graduates of these classes are currently holding responsible positions at the following:

Registry of Deeds
 General Electric Company
 Berkshire Life Insurance Company
 Western Massachusetts Electric Company
 Petricca Construction Company
 New England Telephone and Telegraph Company
 Massachusetts Department of Public Works

We have many testimonials from their employers as to their abilities and efficiency.

VI. MERIT RATINGS OF TEACHERS

We have heard considerable discussion of late concerning this topic and we find partisans on both sides. Although few of the proponents admit it, their position has undoubtedly been promoted by the rise in teaching salaries. They voice

no direct objection to this increase, but by proposing merit rating there is an inference for the teacher that the salary has reached the approximate point where the teacher should establish merit of further increase. There seems to be a fallacy here when we evaluate the purchasing power of the inflated salary in an inflationary period. Simple arithmetic indicates that a \$4000 salary with a sixty cent dollar affords the teacher an increase in purchasing power of \$400 over her salary of \$2000 with a hundred percent dollar.

Merit rating is valid in principle. There are many sound arguments for it in many instances. A worker who turns out an increased volume of product over his co-worker has established merit as a worker and loses incentive if it is not recognized. A truck driver who establishes a record for safe driving has earned merit. Other examples can be cited. They are objective in nature, easily established and plainly recognized.

When we come to the establishment of merit in teaching we are in a field of subjective rather than objective ratings. Hence, the definite unquestioned, valid, universally accepted conclusions are less definitely established. The merit system has been tried and discarded in various places. In others the administrations admit that they are pioneering, revising programs, correcting mistakes, and making no claims of having anything superior.

It is my conviction that establishment of merit rating calls for more study, data, and experimentation before any general program is possible. Especially deserving of study is the impact of merit rating on teacher, child, and community. Furthermore, any such program imposed by Committee or Administration would hold more promise of failure than success. It is not conceivable that merit rating would accomplish anything but to impair the morale of the staff, unless the teachers first accepted the plan.

We may come to accept some form of merit rating eventually. Until salaries can be established commensurate with requirements for qualification as a teacher, commensurate with the demands on today's teacher, and commensurate with salaries available to the prospective teacher in other fields, it appears to me that the slow, evaluated approach is the safer. In the meantime merit might be accorded a teacher for devoting her or his life to teaching.

VII. LUNCH PROGRAM

The Cafeteria program operates through the winter months from November to April. Students pay twenty-five cents and the Federal Government subsidizes nine cents for each serving. We are operating under a cumbersome and wasteful procedure, as all food is prepared in the High School and lunches are transported to the Lenox Dale School, while Center School students go to the High School. Milk is also served throughout the school year at recess and noon at three cents per half pint.

The following summarizes the activity for 1956, and is testimony of the staff's efficiency under conditions far from ideal.

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash balance January 1, 1956 | | \$ 384.43 |
| Sales—milk and lunches | \$4,878.38 | |
| U.S.D.A. reimbursements | 2,622.14 | |
| Appropriation | 800.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$8,300.52 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$8,684.95 |

| | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Expenditures | | |
| Food and supplies | \$5,126.66 | |
| Labor | 2,367.00 | |
| Other | 107.53 | |
| | <hr/> | \$7,601.19 |
| | | <hr/> |

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1957 | | \$1,083.76 |
|--------------------------|--|------------|

| | |
|--|--------|
| Number of lunches served | 16,200 |
| Number additional milk served | 30,086 |
| Average daily lunches served | 169 |
| Average additional daily milk served | 167 |
| (Money, other than appropriation, deposited with Town Treasurer) | |

VIII. ATHLETIC ACCOUNT

Athletic monies are deposited with the Town Treasurer and expenditures controlled by the Committee. An accounting for the year follows:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1956 | | \$ 27.99 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Season tickets | \$ 10.00 | |
| Games, Pittsfield | 32.60 | |
| Mt. Everett | 73.75 | |
| Searles | 202.20 | |
| Lee | 232.40 | |
| Williamstown | 20.70 | |
| Chester | 36.05 | |
| Williams | 336.00 | |
| Adams | 486.50 | |
| Windsor Mountain | 76.80 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,507.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,534.99 |

Expenditures:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Janitors | \$ 41.25 | |
| Officials | 431.00 | |
| Police | 46.00 | |
| Cleaning of uniforms | 164.70 | |
| Equipment | 480.16 | |
| Miscellaneous | 136.81 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,299.92 |
| Balance, January 1, 1957 | | <hr/> \$235.07 |

IX. HIGH SCHOOL CLASS FUNDS

We have transferred the accounting of the High School Student Fund from the Superintendent's Office to the students of the bookkeeping classes under the direction of Miss Read. The students gain practical experience of banking deposits, writing checks, reconciling the check book, bank statements, trial balances, and monthly reports to the Principal and Superintendent. The following shows the balances on January 1, 1957.

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Class of 1957 | \$573.22 |
| Class of 1958 | 694.50 |
| Class of 1959 | 138.76 |
| Class of 1960 | 177.04 |
| Class of 1961 | 41.10 |
| Class of 1962 | 54.00 |
| Locker Fund | 61.19 |
| Girls' Athletics | 8.05 |
| Xonel | 75.60 |
| Music Fund | 65.45 |
| Senior Year Book | 400.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$2,288.91 |

X. THRIFT PROGRAM

In the absence of a student banking program we conduct a weekly defense stamp sale for teaching thrift. The following shows the results for the school year ending in June 1956.

| CENTER SCHOOL | | LENOX DALE | |
|---------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Grade 1a | \$195.85 | Grade 1 | \$171.80 |
| 1b | 181.10 | 2 | 316.50 |
| 2 | 279.65 | 3 | 304.30 |
| 3 | 354.55 | 4 | 244.50 |
| 4 | 373.10 | | |
| 5 | 195.80 | | |
| 6a | 154.90 | HIGH SCHOOL | |
| 6b | 87.05 | Grades 7-12 | \$306.75 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$3,255.85 | |

Before closing this report I wish to express testimony to the service and loyalty of James O'Brien whose untimely passing removed a conscientious worker from our midst. Known to all as "Jimmie" his personality is keenly missed.

CONCLUSION

The past year has brought demands on your Committee members for additional time and study dealing with plans for the future. I would like to have it in the record that no electorate receives more conscientious, devoted service at personal sacrifice than is given by your group and the Regional School Planning Committee.

This office has likewise been burdened, but the load is lightened by the good spirit permeating the discussions in Committee meetings, and the cooperation of a loyal staff. Whatever has been accomplished has been aided by their loyalty, cooperation and morale.

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM F. BATTEY,
Superintendent.

**1956 LENOX SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
1957 BUDGET**

| | Expenditures 1956 | Budget 1957 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Administration | | |
| Superintendent's Salary | \$ 7,100.00 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Superintendent's Travel | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Secretary's Salary | 2,450.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Telephone | 266.43 | 450.00 |
| Office Expense | 683.53 | 600.00 |
| Committee Expense | 354.43 | 200.00 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | \$11,054.39 | \$11,750.00 |
| Instructional | | |
| Teachers' Salaries | \$115,572.49 | \$135,410.42 |
| Substitute Teachers' Salaries | 630.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Supervisors' Travel | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Textbooks | 2,673.19 | 4,000.00 |
| Supplies | 4,487.55 | 3,000.00 |
| Tuition | 110.40 | 250.00 |
| Band Supplies | 210.16 | 300.00 |
| Rinehart Writing | 450.00 | 500.00 |
| Nature Course | 215.63 | 225.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 1,196.38 | 1,100.00 |
| Evening Classes, Salaries | 210.00 | 630.00 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | \$125,905.80 | \$146,565.42 |
| Operational | | |
| Janitors' Salaries | \$13,462.13 | \$13,925.00 |
| Janitors' Salaries, Extra | 330.75 | 100.00 |
| Janitors' Evening Class, Salaries | | 300.00 |
| Janitors' Supplies | 1,012.69 | 900.00 |
| Fuel | 7,454.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Electricity | 1,473.40 | 1,450.00 |
| Water | 253.40 | 300.00 |
| Gas | 152.36 | 200.00 |
| Cartage | 192.13 | 175.00 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | \$24,330.86 | \$24,850.00 |

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maintenance | \$4,721.24 | \$4,000.00 |
| Outlay | \$6,913.20 | \$3,903.60 |
| Auxiliary Agencies | | |
| Nurse's Salary | \$2,880.00 | \$3,200.00 |
| Doctor's Salary | 625.00 | 625.00 |
| Transportation | 14,863.14 | 19,571.00 |
| Band Transportation | 68.50 | 200.00 |
| Census | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Cafeteria | 780.50 | 450.00 |
| Athletics | 243.76 | 250.00 |
| Total | \$19,535.90 | \$24,371.00 |
| Grand Total | \$192,461.39 | \$215,440.02 |

NET COST OF SCHOOLS

1956

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Expenditures | | \$192,461.39 |
| State Aid | | |
| Chapter 70 | \$25,250.18 | |
| Transportation | 8,152.95 | |
| Gymnasium rentals | 332.50 | |
| Tuition | 48.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$33,783.63 |
| Net Cost | | <hr/> \$158,677.76 |

1957

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Budget | | \$218,940.02 |
| Estimated State Aid | | |
| Chapter 70 | \$25,000.00 | |
| Transportation | 15,700.00 | |
| Estimated gymnasium rental | 300.00 | |
| Estimated tuition | 50.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$41,050.00 |
| Net Cost | | <hr/> \$178,890.02 |

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE OCTOBER 1, 1956

| Boys | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Total |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Kindergarten | 2 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 29 |
| Grade 1 | | 2 | 45 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 51 |
| Grade 2 | | | 3 | 28 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | 36 |
| Grade 3 | | | | 3 | 25 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | 35 |
| Grade 4 | | | | | 3 | 27 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 35 |
| Grade 5 | | | | | | 4 | 27 | 4 | | | | | | | | | 35 |
| Grade 6 | | | | | | | 2 | 11 | 8 | | | | | | | | 21 |
| Grade 7 | | | | | | | | 4 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 3 | | | | | 30 |
| Grade 8 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 17 | 3 | 2 | | | | | 23 |
| Grade 9 | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 14 | 3 | 3 | | | | 23 |
| Grade 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 17 |
| Grade 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 5 | 1 | | 1 | 10 |
| Grade 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | 6 |
| Total | 2 | 29 | 48 | 35 | 33 | 38 | 34 | 19 | 24 | 26 | 20 | 19 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 351 |

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE OCTOBER 1, 1956

| Girls | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Total |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Kindergarten | 3 | 27 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 31 |
| Grade 1 | | 1 | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Grade 2 | | | 4 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 39 |
| Grade 3 | | | | 1 | 35 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 39 |
| Grade 4 | | | | | 6 | 25 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 32 |
| Grade 5 | | | | | | 5 | 27 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 35 |
| Grade 6 | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 12 | 1 | | | | | | | | 18 |
| Grade 7 | | | | | | | | 3 | 17 | 3 | | | | | | | 23 |
| Grade 8 | | | | | | | | | 4 | 19 | 5 | 1 | | | | | 29 |
| Grade 9 | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 22 | 2 | 1 | | | | 30 |
| Grade 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | | | 19 |
| Grade 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 14 | 3 | | | 19 |
| Grade 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 8 | 1 | | 15 |
| Total | 3 | 28 | 28 | 36 | 41 | 34 | 32 | 18 | 22 | 27 | 33 | 13 | 24 | 13 | 1 | | 353 |

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1956-1957

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| September 4 | Schools open | |
| October 12 | Schools closed | Columbus Day |
| October 26 | Schools closed | Teachers' Convention |
| November 12 | Schools closed | Armistice Day |
| November 22 and 23 | Schools closed | Thanksgiving Weekend |
| December 24 to Jan. 7 | Schools closed | Christmas Vacation |
| February 18 to 22 | Schools closed | Mid-winter Vacation |
| April 15 to 25 | Schools closed | Easter Vacation |
| May 30 and 31 | Schools closed | Memorial Day Weekend |
| June 19 | Elementary Schools closed | |
| June 21 | High School closed | |

REGISTRATION OF MINORS, October 1, 1956

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Registered in public school system | 704 |
| Attending other schools | 41 |
| Not attending any school | 1 |

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

ISSUED BY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DURING 1956

| | |
|---|----|
| To males between 14 and 16 years of age | 24 |
| To females between 14 and 16 years of age | 7 |
| To males between 16 and 21 years of age | 43 |
| To females between 16 and 21 years of age | 25 |
| | — |
| Total | 99 |

PERSONNEL OF LENOX SCHOOL SYSTEM --- SCHOOL YEAR 1955-57

| Name | Position | Education | Cont. of Service |
|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| Hiram F. Battey..... | Superintendent..... | B.S. Norwich University 1921 | 1945 |
| Joseph J. Carroll..... | Principal, High School..... | M.A. Columbia 1933 | |
| | | B.A. Boston College 1930 | 1946 |
| | | M.A. Boston College 1931 | |
| Eleanor Beneat..... | Grade I, Lenoxdale..... | B.S. North Adams State Teachers' College 1940 | 1944 |
| | | M.A. Columbia University 1954 | |
| Louise Berrigan..... | Grade VI, Center..... | B.S. North Adams State Teachers' College 1940 | 1948 |
| Thomas Bosworth..... | Physical Education..... | B.S. Springfield College 1953 | 1953 |
| Mae Brown..... | Household Arts..... | A.B. Jarvis College 1941 | Oct. |
| | | M.A. Simmons College 1950 | 1951 |
| Marguerite Cameron..... | Grade II, and Principal, Center..... | B.S. North Adams State Teachers' College 1943 | 1952 |
| | | M.A. North Adams State Teachers' College 1949 | |
| Elaine DeGallo..... | Grade III, Center..... | B.S. College of St. Rose 1956 | 1956 |
| Charlotte Davis..... | Girls' Physical Education..... | B.A. Skidmore College 1936 | 1953 |
| Margaret deCoste..... | Grade III, Lenoxdale..... | Diploma Westfield Normal 1918 | 1945 |
| Margaret Finn..... | Grades VII and VIII..... | B.A. College of New Rochelle 1940 | 1954 |
| Jane Fuller..... | Commercial..... | B.S. Bryant College 1949 | 1949 |
| Edward Gilligan..... | Social Studies, Coach H. S..... | B.A. Georgetown University 1934 | 1942 |
| | | M.A. North Adams State Teachers' College 1953 | |
| Roger Hall..... | Music Supervisor..... | B.Mus. New Eng. Conservatory of Music 1949 | 1955 |
| Coletta Holmes..... | English and Remedial Reading, H.S..... | A.B. Our Lady of the Elms 1944 | 1950 |
| | | B.J. University of Missouri 1946 | |
| | | M.A. North Adams State Teachers' College 1953 | |
| May Hogan..... | Principal, Grade IV, Lenoxdale..... | Diploma North Adams Normal 1915 | 1915 |
| Daniel Horton..... | Grades VII and VIII..... | B.S. University of Massachusetts 1949 | 1951 |
| | | M.A. North Adams State Teachers' College 1954 | |
| Marie Kergaravat..... | Latin and English, High School..... | A.B. College of New Rochelle 1938 | 1955 |

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|---------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| Alice Lahart..... | Center..... | B.A. University of Massachusetts | 1956 |
| Elizabeth Lehey..... | Grade VI, Center..... | A.B. College of Our Lady of the Elms | 1955 |
| John Lewarn, Jr..... | Supervisor of Art..... | B.A. Syracuse University | Jan. 1952 |
| Anna Martin..... | Grade I, Center..... | M.A. Columbia Teachers' College | 1945 |
| Anna Mitchell..... | Spanish and French, High School..... | Diploma North Adams Normal | 1922 |
| | | B.A. Smith College | 1921 |
| | | M.A. North Adams State Teachers' College | 1950 |
| Ruth Morrison..... | Grade I, Center..... | Diploma North Adams Normal | 1913 |
| *Katherine O'Leary..... | Grade IV, Center..... | B.S. in Ed., North Adams State Teachers' College | Jan. 1957 |
| Charlotte Pignatelli..... | Grade II, Lenoxdale..... | B.S. North Adams State Teachers' College | 1955 |
| Rebecca Read..... | Commercial, High School..... | B.S. Boston University | 1955 |
| †Thomas Regan..... | Biology and Chemistry, High School..... | A.B. Providence College | 1954—Jan. 1957 |
| Frances Stannard..... | Grade V, Center..... | Diploma North Adams Normal | 1955 |
| †Barbara Turner..... | Biology & Math., High School..... | B.S. Purdue University | Jan. 1957 |
| Anna Weiss..... | Kindergarten..... | Diploma Westfield Normal | 1945 |
| Darryl Wiejaczka..... | Grades VII and VIII..... | North Adams State Teachers' College | 1952 |
| | | M.A. Clark University | 1955 |
| Adalene Lindley..... | Superintendent's Secretary..... | | 1946 |
| Nellie Morrison..... | School Nurse..... | | 1922 |
| Dr. E. R. Messer..... | School Physician..... | | 1936 |
| John O'Brien..... | Custodian, High School..... | | 1951 |
| Peter Ster..... | Custodian, High School..... | | 1956 |
| Henry Kirby..... | Cutodian, Center School..... | | 1935 |
| Joseph Maillot..... | Custodian, Lenoxdale School..... | | 1940 |

*Mrs. Lahart taught at Center until December 21, 1956, when she secured a leave of absence.

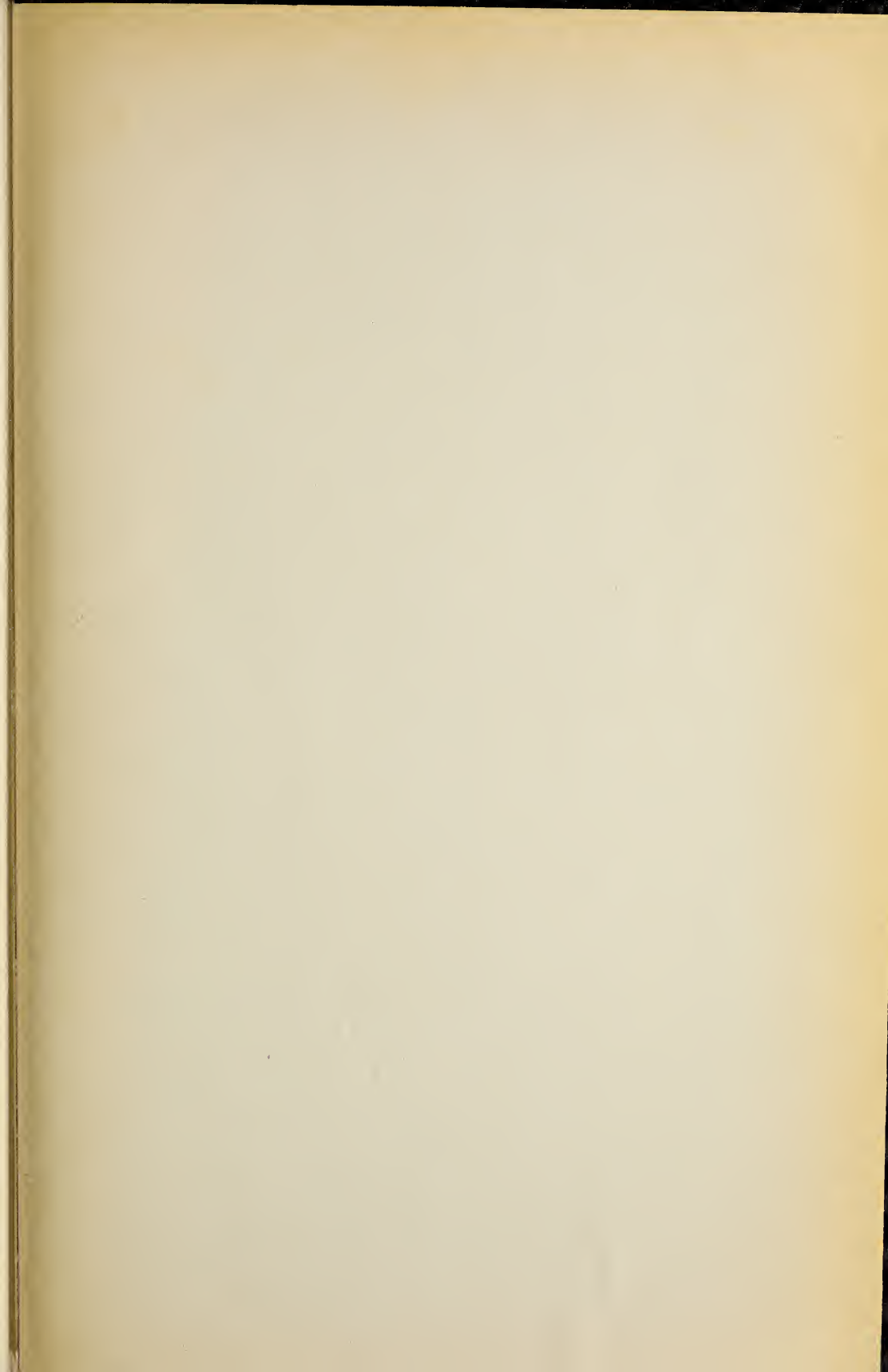
Miss O'Leary was appointed to fill the vacancy, caused by Mrs. Lahart's leave, January 14, 1957.

†Mr. Regan taught in the High School until January 11, 1957, when he resigned.

Mrs. Turner was appointed to fill the vacancy, caused by Mr. Regan's resignation, January 14, 1957.







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